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"My concern for the profession is going to be, if there isn't a way to address [the challenges], we're going to see a lot more educators leave." — Sheena Graham, Connecticut's 2019 Teacher of the Year, now retired

Teachers: More needs to be done

Shortages mount as hardships lead to resignations, early retirements

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

Before the pandemic, Sheena Graham was planning to teach for at least another five years, "if not 10." She's healthy and still active. Her passion for teaching — part of what earned her recognition as Connecticut's Teacher of the Year in 2019 — hadn't waned in nearly 40 years. But in January, Graham retired early. Most recently a choir and

performing arts teacher at Harding High School in Bridgeport, Graham said the last two years have been "demoralizing." Like teachers across the state, Graham endured the ebbs and flows of COVID-19 while adapting to new safety protocols and near-constant disruptions to instruction. Graham said she wasn't sleeping, instead racking her brain for ways to help her students, who she could tell were also struggling.

Finally, after seeing her class through the end of the semester, Graham retired. That night, she slept. But she's not totally without worry, particularly for the future of teachers in the state. "My concern for the profession is going to be, if there isn't a way to address [the challenges], we're going to see a lot more educators leave," Graham said. Graham's sentiments are reflected in national surveys,

which indicate that feelings of burnout and frustration among teachers are becoming pervasive. About 55% of teachers surveyed by the National Education Association in January said they now planned to leave the profession earlier than expected due to the effects of the pandemic — an increase from 37% in the fall. Numbers were higher among teachers of color. **Turn to Teachers, Page 2**



Sheena Graham, Connecticut's 2019 Teacher of the Year, retired at the end of January, years before she expected, due to a mix of COVID-19 issues and other built-up tensions. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

UConn Women's Basketball BIG EAST QUARTERFINALS

Huskies roll into semis



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UConn's Aaliyah Edwards, left, and Georgetown's Brianna Scott fight for the ball in the second half of Saturday's Big East Tournament quarterfinals at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville. Edwards had 14 points and seven rebounds as the Huskies won 84-38 to advance to Sunday's semifinals. **Story, Sports, Page 1**

GREATER HARTFORD MOBILITY STUDY

These transportation projects could be coming in near future



Pulaski Circle in downtown Hartford is part of an area becoming more important to redevelopment plans, not only because of its proximity to Bushnell Park but also the residential conversion at 55 Elm, above, the former offices of the attorney general. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

For years, solving Greater Hartford's transportation troubles has largely meant chasing the big-ticket projects, such as reconfiguring the notoriously congested I-84/I-91 interchange and lowering — or even tunneling — portions of highways in the city. But the state Department of Transportation, which is shaping a new regional transportation plan for the area, says smaller projects that are among more than 200 ideas collected in the

past year are likely to get going first, perhaps in the next two or three years. Pulaski Circle in downtown Hartford could be one of them. Vehicles traveling fast dump off I-91 into the traffic circle near Bushnell Park. Once there, they converge with slower moving vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians already struggling to navigate the confusing, even dangerous, area. Between 2017 and 2021, there were 121 crashes in Pulaski Circle, 18 involving **Turn to Projects, Page 3**

Six things to know about the mobility study

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

The replacement of the I-84 viaduct that slices Hartford in half and the notorious I-84 / I-91 interchange bottleneck at its eastern end were long the focus of how to improve traveling around Greater Hartford.

But in late 2019, just as final recommendations neared, the state Department of Transportation made the startling decision to shift gears and look at transportation planning more broadly, including not only highways but buses, rail, bicycles and pedestrians. The initial planning for

the I-84 viaduct and the interchange did not fully consider how those big changes would connect to other transportation options, seen as playing a much bigger role in the future, DOT planners said. The change was possible because repairs to the viaduct had extended its life to 2040, and U.S. Rep.

John B. Larson was pushing for highway tunnels. But the shift disappointed some who saw the possible lowering of the viaduct as hope to reconnect a city torn apart by the highway's construction a half century ago. Now, the comprehensive overview, the Greater Hart- **Turn to Study, Page 3**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Refugees share harrowing tales

Blinken sets foot in Ukraine after visit to center in Poland

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press

KORCZOWA, Poland — U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Saturday visited a welcome center set up by Polish authorities in what once was a shopping mall in Korczowa, close to the border with Ukraine, where roughly 3,000 refugees are taking shelter after the Russian invasion of their homeland. While at the border later, Blinken stepped briefly onto Ukrainian soil to meet Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, who predicted Russia would be defeated but appealed for more military assistance. At the refugee center, America's top diplomat heard harrowing tales from mothers and their children who described long and perilous journeys — and the shock of the sudden disruption and the fear for

their lives — after fleeing the devastation of the war. "Near our home we heard bombs," said Venera Ahmadi, 12, who said she came with her brother and sister, six dogs and seven cats from Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, more than 370 miles away. "We walked to the border, I don't know how many hours. We crossed the border on foot." Her 16-year-old sister, Jasmine, said: "I was scared I would die." Natalia Kadygrob, 48, reached the center with her four adopted children from Kropyvnytskyi, some 500 miles by bus on their way to her brother's home in Germany. Her husband stayed behind. "There they bombed planes at the airport," she said. "Of course we were afraid." Tatyana, 58, who wouldn't give her last name, came with her daughter, Anna, 37, and her 6- and 1-year-old daughters, Katya and Kira, from Kharkiv, about 620 miles away. **Turn to Ukraine, Page 3**



People try to rest Saturday at a center for those displaced from Ukraine in Korczowa, Poland. **OLIVIER DOULIERY/AFP**

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Teachers

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Kate Dias, president of the Connecticut Education Association, says that sentiment has begun to play out in “disconcerting” ways. “Even if [teachers] haven’t yet put their resignation letters in, the conversations we’re having with educators is them looking at options, looking at other spaces they could be viable in the workforce,” she said.

Staff and teacher shortages nationwide prompted the American Federation of Teachers to launch a task force in December to investigate causes and propose solutions.

The trend is impacting districts in Connecticut. The Hartford Public Schools district is operating at around 75% of its typical staffing level, including vacancies among teachers, staff and in the district’s central office team.

The district saw “more retirements than we expected to see” at the end of last school year, Superintendent Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez said.

Dr. Alan Bookman, superintendent of Glastonbury Public Schools, said that two teachers have already indicated they will leave, but not retire, at the end of the school year. “That certainly is something that is most unusual for us,” he said.

Other districts continue to struggle with shortages among substitute teachers and other school staff, even in places where teacher retirements aren’t up.

According to the state Teachers’ Retirement Board, 950 teachers retired in June 2020, and 892 retired last June.

COVID-related concerns last year “caused many experienced teachers with chronic but well-managed health concerns to retire or resign prior to their previously anticipated dates,” Mary Yordon, vice president of Prek-12 educators with AFT Connecticut, said



After speaking with a group of teachers, Sheena Graham leaves the Mark Twain House on Tuesday. Graham, Connecticut’s 2019 Teacher of the Year, retired at the end of January, years before she expected. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

in an email.

“Fears of transmission have interfered with the well-established patterns of cycling in recent retirees to fill substitute positions, and interfered with the pool of other support staff who play a vital role in our school,” Yordon wrote.

Mid-year retirements

More than 100 teachers have already retired so far this school year, even though it is rare to see teachers leave in the middle of the year.

“Educators don’t like to leave in the middle of the school year, so to see those middle-of-the-year resignations really is an indication of burnout, and frustration and disappointment,” Dias said.

It was hard for Graham, too, but she didn’t leave a class in the middle of the year. Harding High changed

to half-year instruction — a move Graham didn’t support — meaning that she would have received a new group of students for the second half of the school year.

Last fall did bring some solace: Graham was once again able to teach in her own classroom, which she says students used to refer to as “the sanctuary.”

The room, brightly decorated with handmade posters, was a place where students could feel good “regardless of what’s going on in the rest of the building,” Graham said.

That changed before the fall of 2020, when Harding decided to create student cohorts to minimize COVID-19 transmission. Instead of kids moving from classroom to classroom, teachers like Graham rotated classrooms filled with a pre-selected group of students.

This rotation presented a safety concern for Graham,

who carries an EpiPen for a latex allergy and had to be sure each new classroom didn’t pose a risk.

Cohorting also meant Graham found herself teaching choir to students who never signed up for it. “Not only did [the students] lose the space they would have been in, but we lost each other,” she said.

This January proved to be dizzying for teachers and school staff across the state. Daily COVID-19 positivity rates soared above 20% and stayed there for weeks as students, teachers and other school-based staff stayed home with illness.

Staff shortages forced some districts to close. In others, threadbare staff took on extra loads to cover for their colleagues.

In mid-January, Connecticut teachers dressed in black for a “walk-in” protest before school to call attention to their concerns over coronavirus safety. Access to

COVID-19 tests and masks was sporadic amid surging demand, and educators called for a remote learning option.

Not just COVID

Despite the onslaught of pandemic-related challenges dating to 2020, not every point of frustration comes back to the virus. “Most of what was going on was present before the pandemic. It just wasn’t as loud,” Graham said.

Graham notes tension with her administration, and a general lack of respect for the profession from members of the public who began to take the work of educators for granted. “Teachers were heroes for about three weeks,” she said. “Then we were the enemy.”

Those tensions pile on to the stresses built into the profession, one that historically underpays its work-

ers and was already battling with staffing shortages prior to the pandemic.

And during a time of unprecedented mental health challenges among students, educators are being asked to do far more than just teach.

Dias is pleased to see movement in the state legislature on policy that would add more mental health supports in schools, helping to relieve the pressures on teachers.

Senate Bill 1, introduced by Democratic leaders in mid-February, includes more funding for school social workers and supports the expansion of school-based health centers.

The bill would also include funding to support recruitment efforts for attracting teachers of color, who are underrepresented in Connecticut schools despite the diversity of the state’s students.

The state Department of Education is already working on a number of initiatives to attract qualified and diverse teachers. Nineteen districts participate in Educators Rising, a program aimed at informing high school students about careers in education, and TEACH Connecticut provides resources for would-be teachers pursuing their certification.

The department’s talent office has continued to recommend policy changes to break down the barriers to certification, and several other programs aim specifically at increasing teacher diversity.

“Education is an investment in our communities and our economy, and we need to look at it that way,” Dias said. “The optimism in me says we can turn this corner and come out stronger, but it’s going to take a whole lot of working together to make that happen.”

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pedestrians with rear-end collisions accounting for more than half of incidents, according to traffic statistics. Nearly 20% resulted in injuries.

Pulaski Circle could be helped by more signs to urge those exiting I-91 on what is known as the Whitehead Highway to slow down, the planners say. What may ultimately be needed is a reconstruction into a modern roundabout or intersection with traffic lights, they say.

The big projects are still critical, but they can be a decade or more away, according to Michael Morehouse, vice president at Hartford-based FHI Studio, an urban planning firm and a consultant on the regional planning effort.

“I think some people look at that and say, ‘While that’s exciting, it will never happen in my lifetime,’” Morehouse said. The regional plan “is so comprehensive, but it’s the short-term things that can address near-term needs that might not cost as much as some of these big projects.”

The regional transportation plan is being developed out of the Greater Hartford Mobility Study. The study, launched in 2020, expanded beyond highways to include rail, bus, bicycle and pedestrians — and how they could connect and work together.

The study also seeks to promote the attractiveness and make more convenient traveling options that produce less carbon emissions, which scientists say contribute to climate change.

The study takes into account evolving transportation needs, with the COVID-19 pandemic, for example, leading to drastically altered commuting patterns as employers structure new, hybrid workplaces split between home and office.

“We’re trying to think of the future and not just the way it was done in the past,” said Casey R. Hardin, transportation planning director at AECOM in Rocky Hill and a consultant on the state’s study.

Collaboration

The DOT has been collecting and prioritizing suggestions from the public, planners and other experts. About 120 — Hartford’s Pulaski Circle among them — are advancing for more study with final recommendations expected at the end of this year. More options could still be added this year.

Lining up financing will be critical, but the federal infrastructure funding approved this year by the U.S. Congress could provide an added boost, said Kevin J. Burnham, a DOT transportation engineer.

Collaboration with towns and cities also will be crucial to the plan’s success because the projects also are tied to economic development, Burnham said.

Burnham said a major goal of the plan is to ensure that smaller projects remain usable even if the vision for larger ones change in the future.

The cost for the list of projects range from \$1 million or less for the smaller projects to more than \$100 million for major ones.



Improvements along East Hartford’s Ensign Street, top left, would better connect Goodwin University and its students to the town. **GOOGLE EARTH**

In Hartford, Pulaski Circle is almost a forgotten gateway to downtown, but it is poised to play a major role in surrounding development.

The historic, former offices of the state attorney general will soon be converted to apartments, part of the larger Bushnell South mixed-use development, planned to replace parking lots immediately to the south.

The iQuilt project, which promotes a more walkable Hartford, has targeted Pulaski Circle for more than a decade.

“It’s been a big gap in our pedestrian network, in our bike network and frankly, in our urban development network,” Doug Suisman, a Hartford native and lead planner for iQuilt, said. “There are a lot of empty lots around it, on corners. It’s kind of created a ‘no-anybody’s land around it. The opportunity is to totally flip that around and make it a vibrant corner.”

Suisman said iQuilt has long envisioned a roundabout there, but it will be key to “tame” traffic coming off the highway as part of any plan.

“So it’s more like a city street farther back,” Suisman said. “Right now, it feels like a highway right through the circle.”

Here are six more short-term projects being considered for a final recommendation:

1. Strengthen ties between Goodwin U and East Hartford

Mode: Pedestrian/Bicycle/Bus
The Problem: Fast-growing Goodwin University and other educational institutions on Riverside Drive in East Hartford are isolated from adjacent neighborhoods. The Route 2 overpass above Ensign Street separates the two areas.

Goal: Build connections between the university and the town particularly along Ensign Street. Improvements would make it easier to navigate the area and it more attractive visually to reach restaurants, bar and stores on the east side of Route 2.

Possible solution: Add ameni-



More bicycle amenities in and around the rail station in Windsor could ease the need for vehicle parking and encourage use of rail service.

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A lack of sidewalks, crosswalks and other pedestrian amenities discourages bus use in Wethersfield and other communities in greater Hartford.

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ties for bicycles along Riverside Drive, Ensign Street and Main Street. Improvements would dovetail with what already exists on nearby Willow Street for bicyclists, pedestrians and other “non-motorized” modes of transportation.

2. I-91 curve realignment near Coltsville in Hartford

Mode: Motor vehicle
The Problem: South of down-

town Hartford, a curve on I-91 south is one of the tightest curves among similar highways in the state. With a curve radius less than is needed for the posted speed limit, there is an elevated crash rate.

Goal: Improve roadway safety by addressing the arc of the curve and reduce back-ups tied to crashes.

Possible Solutions: Change striping along curve or add more signs to encourage motorist to slow down in the area. Longer-term,

the curve may need to be reconstructed, tricky and more costly because the curve is raised above the ground.

3. Improve evening bus service

Mode: Bus
The Problem: Bus routes offer limited hours or less frequent service later in the evening, not matching the schedules of many workers who do not work 9-to-5. This population of workers tends to have lower incomes and less vehicle ownership.

Goal: Increase length and frequency of evening service, focusing on routes that connect the region’s transit centers to areas of high transportation needs.

Possible Solution: Adjust schedules to increase span and frequency of service. More buses and drivers may be needed. Partnerships with ride-sharing services or employer-provided micro transit or shuttle services are a short-term alternative.

4. Improve bicycle network around rail station in Windsor

Mode: Bicycle
The problem: Rail and bus transportation hubs such as the one in Windsor cater to vehicles and pedestrians but not bicyclists.

Goal: Encourage more use of bicycles to reach the rail station, boost use of public transportation and ease vehicle parking demand.

Possible Solution: Add on- and off-street bicycle amenities to connect station with surrounding neighborhoods. These would include bicycle lanes, “buffered” bicycle lanes or other paths.

5. Further upgrade the Hartford Line

Mode: Rail
The Problem: The Hartford Line lacks “double tracking” in key locations, limiting the number and frequency of trains, particularly north of Hartford. Planned station improvements also would encourage more ridership.

Goal: Increase use and frequency of Hartford Line service.

Possible Solution: Planning and environmental reviews have been completed for the improvements.

6. Improve pedestrian amenities around bus stops along Charter Road in Wethersfield

Mode: Pedestrian/Bus
The Problem: Wethersfield’s Charter Road is just one example of a bus route where there are no sidewalks or crosswalks near a bus stop. The lack of those amenities discourages bus ridership.

Goal: Improve amenities around bus stops to encourage more use of buses.

Possible solution: Add sidewalks, pedestrian ramps and crosswalks.

SOURCES: Connecticut Department of Transportation, AECOM

Study

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ford Mobility Study, is nearly two years old and has gathered over 200 ideas from the public. The study area is broad: stretching from Bradley International Airport south to Cromwell and from West Hartford east to Manchester.

About 120 ideas are advancing for further study with final recommendations expected by the end of this year. Others could still be added.

Here are six things to know about the study:

1. Big-ticket bottlenecks are still a priority in the study:

The study still places an emphasis on the I-84/I-91 interchange, including one option that calls for the long-discussed relocation of a portion of I-84 to the North

Meadows. A new bridge across the Connecticut River also is part of the plan as is the lowering of I-91 so that it can be capped, improving access the Connecticut River.

The lowering of the viaduct between Park Street and High Street, made possible by the relocation of train tracks and reconfiguring local streets, is also an option under consideration.

If approved, construction would be at least a decade away, if not more and costs would easily run into the hundreds of millions.

Burying I-84 and I-91 in Hartford in tunnels — championed by Larson — to remove congestion from city streets and increase access to the riverfront also is among the big-picture options.

2. Bus Service is not competitive with single-occupant vehicle travel.

So far, the study has found the need for more emphasis on bus travel, including more dedicated amenities at bus stops, extended evening service and better cross-town service in Hartford.

Service also has to better connect with where people work and where they shop for food. Improvements on the CTfastrak busway between Hartford and New Britain, opened in 2015, also is likely to figure into planning.

3. Transportation must be more active and sustainable.

The study has found need to improve “last mile” connections to bus or rail through upgrades focusing on pedestrians, bicyclists or other forms of human-powered transportation.

The need to reduce carbon emissions that scientists say is contributing to climate change also is

expected to increase travel by mass transit and other forms of transportation that produce less harmful emissions.

4. The Hartford Line needs to move to the next level.

In 2018, the Hartford Line kicked off its commuter service between New Haven and Springfield. But to improve service, rail improvements need to be made, including on the Connecticut River Bridge between Enfield and Windsor Locks and the rail viaduct at Union Station.

5. The study also is evaluating how transportation may change in the future.

The disruption in travel during the COVID-19 pandemic and the long-term fallout on commuter patterns as more employers turn to a hybrid workplace also is being

factored into the study.

The study also is evaluating how technology, including autonomous vehicles, will likely play a role.

6. The public can still weigh in on the alternatives.

Visit www.hartfordmobility.com/alternatives-home to review the options being considered, what the specific timeline for each alternative is and how much it could cost. The alternatives can be sorted by mode of transportation such as “roadway,” “bus” “bicycle” and “pedestrian.” Comments can be submitted as the study moves into its next phase.

SOURCE: Connecticut Department of Transportation

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Ukraine

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“They were shooting on the street,” Tatyana said. Anna said her home had been destroyed by a shell or a rocket. She was in the basement with her daughters when the explosion happened.

“They should be in school,” Anna said. “They are children, they don’t understand.”

Blinken then met with Kuleba on a visit to the Korczowa border crossing where Polish authorities escorted small groups of refugees — about 20 at a time — across the frontier from the Ukrainian town of Krakovets as sporadic snowflakes fell from a gray sky.

Groups mainly of women, children and elderly men — grimly rolling their possessions and carrying infants and the occasional family pet — made their way into makeshift processing centers on Polish territory.

The foreign minister said he wanted to convey a simple message: “Ukraine will win this war because this is the people’s war for their land and we defend the right course.” He added, “The question is the price, the price of our victory.”

Kubela said that if Ukraine’s allies “continue to take bold, systemic decisions to step up economic and political pressure on (Russia), if they continue to provide us with necessary weap-

ons, the price will be lower” and “this will save many lives in Ukraine.”

Blinken praised Kuleba, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and other officials for their courage and “inspiring” leadership during the crisis.

He said support for Ukraine and pressure on Russia to end the war would increase “until this war of choice is brought to an end.”

Kuleba thanked Blinken but said Ukraine needed more support. He lamented that NATO on Friday had rejected appeals from nonmember Ukraine and others to set up a no-fly zone over the country.

“We are now in the phase where maybe saying ‘No, we’re

not going to do that’, but the time will come,” Kuleba said. “It’s again the issue of price. It is the people of Ukraine who will pay the price for the reluctance of NATO to act.”

Blinken earlier was in the city of Rzeszow for talks with Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki and Foreign Minister Zbigniew Rau a day after attending a NATO foreign ministers’ meeting in Brussels. The alliance pledged to step up support for eastern flank members such as Poland to counter the Russian invasion. Poland is seeking more U.S. forces on its territory, where there are currently more than 10,000 American troops.

Rau said Poland had already

taken in more than 700,000 refugees from Ukraine and that he expected hundreds of thousands more in the coming weeks unless Russia backs down.

Rau added that his country will demand that alleged Russian war crimes committed in Ukraine will be prosecuted.

Morawiecki and Blinken discussed stepping up sanctions and freezes of assets on Russia, which Morawiecki said should be “crushing” for Russia’s economy. No Russian banks should be exempted from the exclusions from the SWIFT system, he said. Currently, all but the largest Russian banks have been kicked off the financial messaging service.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Putin: Ukraine’s future is in doubt

Says sanctions by the West are ‘akin to declaring war’

By Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine — Russian President Vladimir Putin warned Saturday that Ukrainian statehood is in jeopardy and likened the West’s sanctions on Russia to “declaring war,” while a promised cease-fire in the besieged port city of Mariupol collapsed amid scenes of terror.

With the Kremlin’s rhetoric growing fiercer and a reprieve from fighting dissolving, Russian troops continued to shell encircled cities and the number of Ukrainians forced from their country grew to 1.4 million. Bereft mothers mourned slain children, wounded soldiers were fitted with tourniquets and doctors worked by the light of their cellphones as bleakness and desperation pervaded. Putin continued to pin the blame for all of it on Ukrainian leadership and slammed their resistance to the invasion. “If they continue to do what they are doing, they are calling into question the



People cross on an improvised path Saturday by a bridge that was destroyed by an airstrike in Irpin, Ukraine. VADIM GHIRDA/AP

future of Ukrainian statehood,” he said. “And if this happens, it will be entirely on their conscience.” He also hit out at Western sanctions that have crippled Russia’s economy and sent the value of its currency tumbling. “These sanctions that are being imposed, they are akin to declaring war,” he said during a televised meeting with flight attendants from Russian airline Aeroflot. “But thank God, we haven’t got there yet.” Ten days after Russian forces invaded, the struggle to enforce the temporary cease-fires in Mariupol and the eastern city of Volno-

vakha showed the fragility of efforts to stop the fighting across Ukraine. Ukrainian officials said Russian artillery fire and airstrikes had prevented residents from leaving before the agreed-to evacuations got underway. Putin accused Ukraine of sabotaging the effort. A third round of talks between Russia and Ukraine will take place Monday, according to Davyd Arakhamia, a member of the Ukrainian delegation. He gave no additional details, including where they would take place. Previous meetings were held in Belarus and led to the

failed cease-fire agreement to create humanitarian corridors for the evacuation of children, women and older people from besieged cities. In comments carried on Ukrainian television, Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko said thousands of residents had gathered for safe passage out of the city when shelling began Saturday. “We value the life of every inhabitant of Mariupol and we cannot risk it, so we stopped the evacuation,” he said. The West has broadly backed Ukraine, offering aid and weapons and slapping Russia with vast sanctions. But the fight itself has been left to Ukrainians, who have expressed a mixture of courageous resolve and despondency. “Ukraine is bleeding,” Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said in a video released Saturday, “but Ukraine has not fallen.” Russian troops advanced Saturday on a third nuclear power plant, having already taken control of two of the four operating in the country. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pleaded with U.S. lawmakers for additional help even

as he insisted the enemy was being defeated. In the wake of Western sanctions, Aeroflot, Russia’s flagship state-owned airline, announced that it plans to halt all international flights except to Belarus, starting Tuesday. The death toll of the conflict was difficult to measure, but surely had surpassed 1,000. The U.N. human rights office said at least 351 civilians have been confirmed killed since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, but the true number is probably much higher. The Russian military, which doesn’t offer regular updates on casualties, said Wednesday that 498 of its troops had been killed. Ukraine’s military is vastly outmatched by Russia’s, but its professional and volunteer forces have fought back with fierce tenacity. Even in cities that have fallen, there were signs of resistance. Onlookers in Chernihiv cheered as they watched a Russian military plane fall from the sky and crash, according to video released Saturday by the Ukrainian government. In Kherson, hundreds of people protested the invasion, waving Ukraine’s blue and yellow flag and shouting, “Go home.” Zelenskyy encouraged protests that drew thousands to the streets in Russian-occupied cities. “Go on the offensive!” he urged. “You should take to the streets! You should fight!” A vast Russian armored column threatening Ukraine’s capital remained stalled outside Kyiv. Ukrainian presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovich said Saturday that the military situation was quieter overall and that Russian forces hadn’t “taken active actions since the morning.” While the shelling in Mariupol showed Russia’s determination to cut Ukraine off from access to the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, further damaging the country’s economy, it was Putin who was most on the offensive with his comments warning that a no fly zone would be considered a hostile act. NATO has said it has no plans to implement such a no fly zone, which would bar all unauthorized aircraft from flying over Ukraine. Western officials have said a main reason is a desire to not widen the war beyond Ukraine.

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China planning to hike defense spending by more than 7% to \$229B

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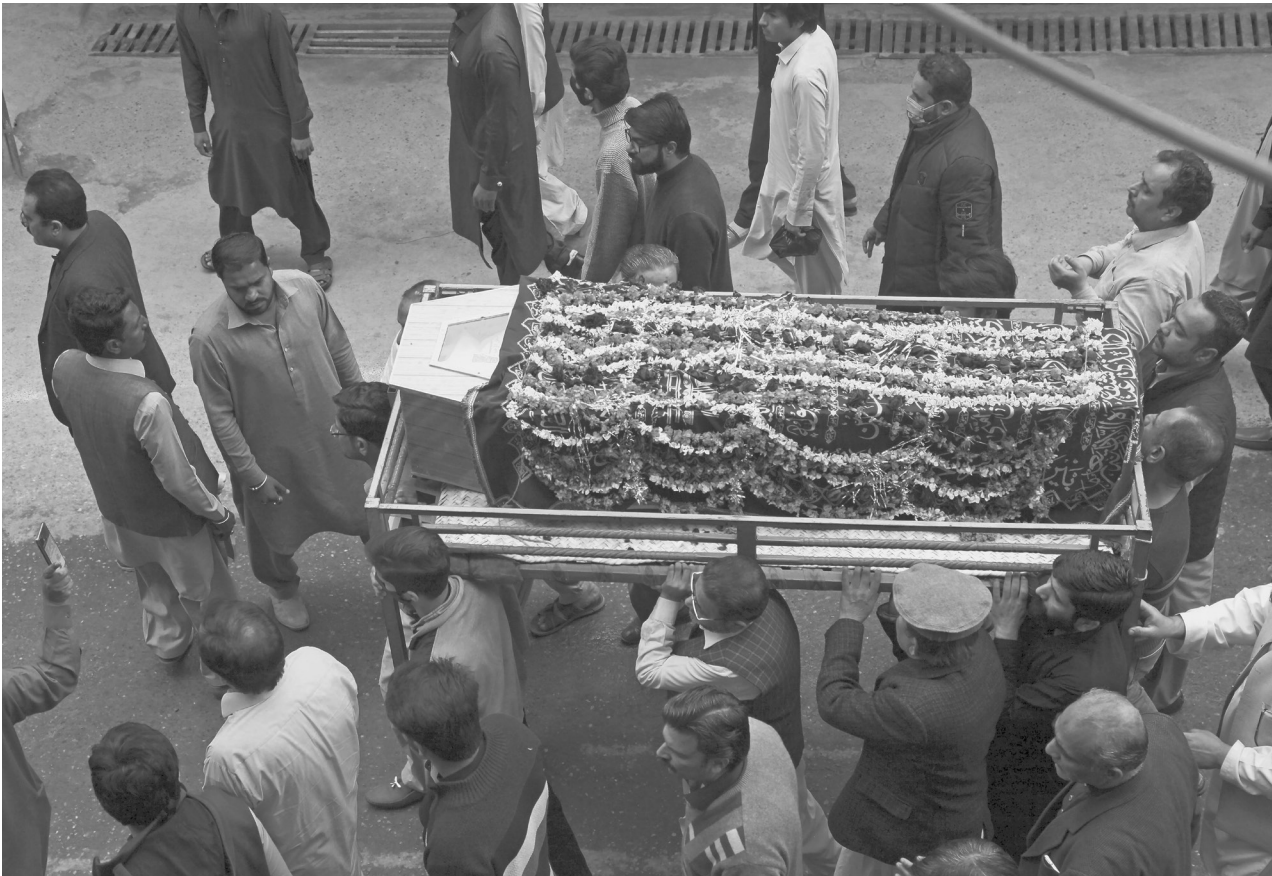
BEIJING — China on Saturday announced a 7.1% increase in defense spending in 2022 to \$229 billion, continuing years of robust spending on its increasingly powerful military that is challenging the U.S. armed forces’ dominance in the Indo-Pacific region. China has the world’s second-largest defense budget after the U.S., allowing it to maintain the largest standing military, with 3 million personnel and an arsenal of advanced weaponry, including two aircraft carriers with more on the way, stealth fighters, an advanced missile force and nuclear-powered submarines.

This year’s increase exceeds the 6.8% boost from last year, showing China’s determination to maintain the drive to expand and modernize its armed forces despite high levels of government debt and a slowing economy, partly as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. By contrast, the U.S. increased defense spending by 2% this year to \$768.2 billion. The Chinese government says most of the spending increases will go toward improving welfare for troops. Observers say the budget omits much of China’s spending on weaponry, most of which is developed domestically. The People’s Liberation Army exercises a strong political role as the military branch of the ruling Communist Party, overseen by President and party leader Xi Jinping, who heads the party and government armed forces commissions. The military is largely designed to maintain its threat to use force to bring

self-governing Taiwan under its control, although it has also grown more assertive in the South China Sea, the western Pacific, the Indian Ocean and elsewhere. In his address to Saturday’s opening session of the ceremonial legislature, the National People’s Congress, Premier Li Keqiang said China would “fully implement Xi Jinping’s thinking on strengthening the armed forces and the military strategy for the new era ... and strengthen party leadership and party building in all aspects of the military.” Li indicated no change in China’s approach to Taiwan, which it threatens to annex by force if necessary.

NKorea missile launch: North Korea on Saturday fired a ballistic missile into the sea, according to its neighbors’ militaries, extending Pyongyang’s streak of weapons tests this year amid a prolonged freeze in nuclear negotiations with the United States. South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile fired from an area near the North Korean capital flew 168 miles eastward at a maximum altitude of 348 miles before landing in waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan. It said U.S. and South Korean intelligence officials were closely analyzing the launch. The launch was North Korea’s ninth round of weapons tests in 2022. The flight details matched an earlier assessment by the Japanese military.

Taliban minister appears: The Taliban acting interior minister — designated a terrorist by the U.S. — said in a rare public appearance Saturday that security police guilty of misconduct in Afghanistan were being



People carry the coffin of a suicide bombing victim on Saturday in Peshawar, Pakistan. Officials have vowed to hunt down and arrest the masterminds behind Friday’s mosque attack that was claimed by an Islamic State affiliate. The assault left 63 people dead and wounded nearly 200. IS said in a statement that the bomber was from Afghanistan. MUHAMMAD SAJJAD/AP

penalized after a string of abuse allegations. For the first time, photos showing Sirajuddin Haqqani’s face were published by official Taliban government channels. That contrasted with an October appearance, when photos of the influential and reserved figure were blurred. Haqqani was photographed attending the Saturday graduation ceremony of the first class to complete police training since the Taliban assumed control of Afghanistan. Around 377 personnel, both male and female, graduated. The event marked the first time Haqqani has given statements to the media since being named interior minister. **Myanmar’s revocation:** Myanmar’s ruling military council has announced the revocation of the citizenship of top members of the main group coordinating resistance to army rule. The announcement

broadcast on state-run television Friday said 11 leaders of the opposition to military rule have had their citizenship terminated because they had allegedly fled the country and harmed the national interest. It targeted eight members of the shadow National Unity Government, which views itself as the country’s legitimate ruling authority, and three prominent activists. The NUG was established by elected legislators who were barred from taking their seats when the military seized power in February 2021, ousting the civilian government of Aung San Suu Kyi. Resistance to the takeover has now led to what some U.N. experts have characterized as a civil war. At least two members of the NUG Cabinet named in the announcement responded on Twitter on Saturday. Ang Myo Min, the human rights minister who has been traveling in Europe

to seek support for Myanmar’s resistance movement, said the announcement was illegal because the military council is not the legitimate government. **Noted lemur dies:** Maki, a ring-tailed lemur who made headlines when he was stolen from the San Francisco Zoo & Gardens in 2020 and then found and returned, has died at the age of 22, the zoo announced Friday. Maki died on Thursday after suffering from acute kidney disease and advanced age, the zoo said in a statement. The median life expectancy of a ring-tailed lemur is around 16 years. In October 2020, a thief broke through a locked door leading to the lemur enclosure and took the animal. A day later, a 5-year-old boy spotted Maki in the parking lot of a church preschool in Daly City, about 5 miles from the zoo. Maki scurried to the school playground and

took refuge in a miniature playhouse until authorities managed to coax him into a transport cage. **Florida wildfire:** Residents of hundreds of Florida Panhandle homes were evacuated as a wildfire destroyed two houses and damaged 12 others in an area that has spent years recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Michael, officials said Saturday. Hundreds of thousands of acres of downed trees from the 2018 hurricane, along with low humidity and strong winds, have created “the perfect storm” for hazardous fire conditions in Bay County, Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis said at a news conference in Panama City. As of Saturday morning, the 1,500-acre Adkins Avenue Fire was 30% contained, according to the Florida Forest Service. At least 600 homes had been evacuated as of Saturday morning, but that figure was expected to grow.



Israeli PM Naftali Bennett headed for Berlin after his meeting with Vladimir Putin. ARIEL SCHALIT/AP

Israeli PM visits Moscow for talks with Putin on Ukraine

By Isabel Kershner and Ronen Bergman
The New York Times

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett traveled to Moscow with his national security adviser and other officials Saturday to meet at the Kremlin with Russian President Vladimir Putin, according to Israeli and Russian officials. Interfax, a state-controlled news outlet in Russia, reported that the war in Ukraine was on the agenda.

“The situation around Ukraine is being discussed,” a Kremlin spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, said. Bennett’s office said in a statement Saturday evening that the meeting with Putin lasted about three hours and took place “in coordination and with the blessing of the U.S. administration.” The statement added that Bennett was working in coordination with Germany and France and was “in ongoing dialogue with Ukraine.”

There was no immediate information about any outcome from the meeting. A spokesperson for Bennett said he had spoken with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy after his meeting with Putin. The Israeli government has tried to maintain good relations with both the Russian and Ukrainian leaders during the crisis, and Bennett was previously asked by Zelenskyy to mediate between the sides. Bennett left Moscow on

Saturday evening on his way to Berlin to meet with the German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Scholz was in Israel for a short visit this past week and, in a meeting with Bennett, discussed Israel’s possible role in mediation between Russia and Ukraine. Bennett had spoken by phone with Putin on Wednesday, hours after speaking with Zelenskyy, the last of a few rounds of phone conversations between them.

In a sign of the urgency of the mission, Bennett, an observant Jew, left Israel on Saturday morning, during the Sabbath, breaking the religious injunction against travel. According to Jewish religious law, the sanctity of the Sabbath is overridden by the principle of preserving human life. Bennett was accompanied by Zeev Elkin, Israel’s housing minister, who assisted with translation, according to the Israeli prime minister’s office.

WORLD & NATION

Ukraine’s resistance catches Russia off guard

Experts say mobile defense, ambushes working — for now

By Eric Schmitt, Helene Cooper and Julian E. Barnes
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Ukraine’s soldiers have blown up bridges to halt advancing Russian ground troops. Its pilots and air defenses have prevented Russian fighter jets from conquering the skies. And a band of savvy Ukrainian cyberwarriors are so far beating Moscow in an information war, inspiring support at home and abroad.

To the surprise of many military analysts, Ukrainian troops are mounting a stiffer-than-expected resistance to Russian forces up and down battle lines across a country the size of Texas, fighting with a resourcefulness and creativity that U.S. analysts said could trip up Russian troops for weeks or months to come.

The Ukrainians are also exploiting a bungled beginning to Russia’s all-out assault. Armed with shoulder-fired anti-tank weapons, they have attacked a milelong Russian armored convoy bearing down on Kyiv, the capital, helping stall an advance plagued by fuel and food shortages, and stretching a march that was expected to take a handful of days into possibly weeks.

To be sure, Russia’s invasion is only just over a week old.

The strategic city of Kherson fell Wednesday as Russian troops deployed in Ukraine’s southern theater have finally appeared to be building some momentum; the Kremlin’s army has intensified its bombardment of Kyiv and other cities; and, despite a flow of fresh arms pouring in from the West, Ukrainian leaders say they desperately need more weapons to destroy Russian tanks and down Russian



Ukrainian forces take up positions Friday in Mykolaiv, near the Black Sea, in southern Ukraine. TYLER HICKS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

warplanes.

And while the Ukrainian government has publicized its victories and Russian attacks that killed civilians, it has said far less about battlefield losses of its mechanized units. For their part, Russian officials are keen not to present the operation as a war, and so they have not put out information about the engagements their forces have won.

On the battlefield, the Ukrainian military is conducting an effective and mobile defense, using their knowledge of their home turf to stymie Russian forces on multiple fronts, Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said last week.

Milley said some of the tactics employed by Ukrainian troops included using mobile weapons systems to bedevil the Russians wherever they could. Ukraine’s forces, he told reporters traveling with

him in Europe, are “fighting with extraordinary skill and courage against Russian forces.”

U.S. officials have been impressed with the fighting prowess of the Ukrainians, but their assessment that Russia has the superior military has not changed.

Ukraine has succeeded in slowing the Russian advance, but has not been able to stop it, nor is the resistance strong enough to shift Russian President Vladimir Putin’s war aims. Over the long term, U.S. officials said, it will be difficult for Ukraine to continue to frustrate the Russian advance.

In the meantime, though, Ukrainians are turning into a nation at arms.

“In combat, it’s always different than what you thought it’d be, and the side that learns faster and adapts faster will win out,” said Frederick Hodges, the former top U.S. Army

commander in Europe who is now with the Center for European Policy Analysis. “So far, Ukraine is learning and adapting faster.”

Ukraine has one of Europe’s largest militaries, with 170,000 active-duty troops, 100,000 reservists and territorial defense forces that include at least 100,000 veterans. Thousands of civilians are also enlisting.

The Ukrainian army has been training for further Russian encroachment ever since Russia seized Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and began supporting separatists in the Donbas region, in eastern Ukraine. Many of Ukraine’s veterans fought in those battles, so there is a subset of the population that is trained and knows how to fight Russians.

U.S. Special Operations Forces have also trained Ukrainian military forces.

Leaders in Kyiv then

assigned those soldiers to conventional units, allowing them in turn to train a larger portion of the army. American analysts say that training has made a difference on the battlefield.

The United States has provided more than \$3 billion in weapons, equipment and other supplies to Ukraine’s armed forces since 2014. In those eight years, U.S. military advisers, including Army Green Berets and National Guard troops, have trained more than 27,000 Ukrainian soldiers at the Yavoriv Combat Training Center near Lviv in western Ukraine.

As Russians approached Kyiv and Kharkiv, the Ukrainians were able to shift their forces to critical locations faster than the invading forces.

Not only have the Ukrainians moved more nimbly, they also made good choices about where to concentrate

firepower.

“The art of mechanized maneuver warfare is being able to concentrate overwhelming combat power at decisive sections of the front, places of your choosing,” said Frederick Kagan, a military strategist who has advised the U.S. command in both Iraq and Afghanistan. “The Russians, astonishingly, failed to do that. But the Ukrainians have taken advantage of their ability to move reinforcements rapidly and counterattack.”

Thomas Bullock, an analyst from Janes, the defense intelligence firm, said Russian forces have made tactical errors that the Ukrainians have been able to capitalize on.

“It looks like the Ukrainians have been most successful when ambushing Russian troops,” Bullock said. The Russians “have stuck to main roads so that they can move quickly and not risk getting bogged down in mud. But they are advancing on winding roads and their flanks and supply routes are overly exposed to Ukrainian attacks. And that is where they have had their most success.”

While it is often easier to defend than attack, the Ukrainians have taken advantage of the Russian decision to use too small a force, sometimes only two battalions at a time, to take key points.

“They have been much more evenly matched at the tactical level than they should have been, had the Russians conducted the operations well,” Kagan said.

The Ukrainians have been far more successful in the north, defending Kyiv and Kharkiv, the country’s second-largest city, than they have been in the south, where better trained Russian forces in Crimea have had more success.

“In the south, on the Crimean front, when the Ukrainians are engaged in mechanized combat, they are losing,” Bullock said.

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Biden familiar with justice choices

Experience with selection process has shaped his pick

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden knows better than anyone the unexpected turns a Supreme Court nomination can take after it lands on Capitol Hill.

As the longtime chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Biden presided over two of the most contentious nominations in modern U.S. history and welcomed the defeat of one of them.

He steered several other candidates to confirmation but was confounded by allegations of sexual harassment against future Justice Clarence Thomas by law professor Anita Hill.

Biden has been involved in the process for so long that he's come full circle with Justice Stephen Breyer — from leading Breyer's Senate confirmation hearing and voting to put him on the court to recently accepting Breyer's retirement after 28 years on the bench and naming a replacement. Biden and Breyer also worked together when Breyer was the committee's chief counsel.

"We were joking with one another when he walked in," Biden said at Breyer's retirement announcement in January. "Did we ever think that he would have served decades on the court and I'd be president of the United States on the day he came in to retire?"

Biden developed his knowledge of the Supreme Court nomination process during his 36-year Senate career, particularly the 17 years he spent as chairman or vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee, which reviews every candidate for the federal judiciary.

As vice president, Biden helped counsel President Barack Obama on his



Then-Sen. Joe Biden questions Supreme Court nominee Stephen Breyer at his 1994 confirmation hearing. JOHN DURICK/AP

Supreme Court picks.

After four years in the Senate, Biden was assigned to the Judiciary panel in 1977. He took part in confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominees Sandra Day O'Connor in 1981 and Antonin Scalia in 1986, both nominated by President Ronald Reagan. He voted to put both on the court.

Biden also participated in the 1986 hearing to elevate Justice William Rehnquist to the position of chief justice of the United States. He voted against Rehnquist.

Biden became chairman in 1987, but he wanted more after 14 years in the Senate. That June, he announced his candidacy for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination. Then Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell announced his retirement.

Just like that, Biden would preside over the first of five Supreme Court confirmation hearings.

To replace Powell, Reagan tapped Robert Bork, a

conservative federal appeals court judge who would have shifted the ideological balance of the nine-member high court firmly to the right. Biden opposed the nomination, differing with Bork over his views on privacy and civil rights.

"I knew enough about Bork to know it would be nearly impossible for him to convince me that he was right for the court," Biden wrote in his 2007 memoir.

He tried juggling the competing demands of his White House ambitions and preparing for Bork's hearing. But after the campaign was engulfed by allegations that he had plagiarized in law school and had not credited a British lawmaker whose remarks he used in his own stump speech, Biden dropped out of the race to focus on keeping Bork off the court, he wrote.

After a contentious hearing that foreshadowed the intense scrutiny that would await future Supreme Court nominees, the committee

forwarded Bork's nomination to the full Senate with an unfavorable recommendation, effectively dooming the judge.

A bipartisan majority of senators had come to oppose Bork, who refused to withdraw and insisted on a floor vote. The Senate rejected him 58-42.

Biden said he felt sorry for Bork.

"There's a guy sitting at home whose whole life has been directed toward being on the Supreme Court," he told his Senate office staff after seeing they had Champagne chilling on ice after the vote. "Imagine how he feels when that last vote's been tallied, when he's realized he lost."

Biden earned bipartisan praise for the way he handled the hearing; Bork quit being a judge and began giving speeches accusing the committee of mishandling his nomination.

Reagan eventually settled on federal appeals court judge Anthony Kennedy.

Biden led Kennedy's hearing before he sailed to Senate confirmation on a 97-0 vote in 1988.

Biden led the hearing for judge David Souter, nominated to the high court by Republican President George H.W. Bush in 1990, and was among senators voting 90-9 to confirm him.

But tensions flared the following year after Bush chose Thomas, a relatively new and conservative Black federal appeals court judge, to replace retiring justice Thurgood Marshall, a lawyer and civil rights activist who was the first Black person to sit on the Supreme Court.

Some had accused Bush of playing politics with the nomination by choosing Thomas, who was opposed by liberals. But some of Thomas' critics didn't want to be seen as being too tough on a Black man.

Committee hearings opened in September 1991, focused on Thomas' legal views. But by then, the

Democratic committee staff had begun researching a tip that Thomas allegedly had sexually harassed women he had worked with before he became a judge.

Hill, who had worked with Thomas at the Education Department and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, had shared her story privately with the committee.

But after the explosive contents of her confidential statement leaked to the news media two days before the Senate was expected to vote to confirm Thomas, Biden came under pressure to reopen the hearings so Hill could testify publicly. Thomas angrily denied her allegations, and Biden refused to allow other women who would have corroborated Hill's claims to also testify in public.

The Senate confirmed Thomas by a vote of 52-48, with Biden against him.

Where Biden was praised for the Bork hearing, he was criticized over Thomas'. Women's groups and women in Congress accused him of not treating Hill's sexual harassment allegations seriously enough while Thomas denounced the process as a "high-tech lynching for uppity Blacks."

Biden went on to chair confirmation hearings for Democratic Supreme Court nominees Ruth Bader Ginsburg in 1993 and Breyer in 1994. He voted to confirm both.

Years later as he considered running for president a third time, Biden said he regretted his decision not to let the other women testify in public during Thomas' hearing, as well as Hill's treatment by the all-white-male committee.

"Anita Hill was vilified when she came forward, by a lot of my colleagues," Biden said in 2018 during an interview on NBC's "Today." "I wish I could have done more to prevent those questions and the way they asked them."



Amy Miller, the daughter of the California couple who acquired the bell in 1984, says she and her brother donated it to the museum so the public could view and appreciate it. AMY MILLER

Ring the bell, Paul Revere chime finally coming home

By William J. Kole
Associated Press

BOSTON — A bronze bell cast in 1834 in Paul Revere's Massachusetts foundry is coming home — capping a nearly two-century, cross-country odyssey that saw it hauled by oxcart to churches in Ohio before languishing for decades in a California garage.

After a weeklong journey across the U.S., the historic bell was returned Friday to the site where it was created 188 years ago, said Kiley Nichols, a spokesperson for the Paul Revere Heritage Site in Canton, just south of Boston.

The museum said the 1,000-pound bell was made by the Revolutionary War patriot's son, Joseph Warren Revere, who took over his father's foundry in 1804.

In 1984, real estate agent Jeannene Shanks became the bell's accidental owner. She'd helped broker the sale of what once was First Congregational Church in Vermilion, Ohio, to a fitness center — but the gym didn't want the heavy bell, and Shanks didn't feel good

about it being scrapped.

She made a \$1,000 donation to the church in exchange for the bell, which earlier had adorned the belfry of the First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland.

When Shanks and her husband, Robert, retired in Chino Hills, California, they hauled the bell with them.

"It became the joke of the family," said Shanks' daughter, Amy Miller, 66, a psychologist in Chino Hills. "They'd open the doors to the garage and ring the bell every Fourth of July. People would look at it and say, 'What the heck is that?'"

After their parents' deaths, Miller and her 69-year-old brother, retired Ford Motor Co. executive Robert Shanks Jr. of Miami, moved the bell to Miller's garage, where it's sat since 2009.

A collector in Texas offered \$50,000 for the bell, which bears Revere's imprimatur. But after he casually mentioned he'd melt it down if he decided not to keep it, the siblings spurned the offer.

Miller did some online sleuthing, figured out where the bell was forged,

and decided to donate it to the Massachusetts museum so the public could view and appreciate it.

"I don't need a bell in my garage, and this bell has a story of its own," she said. "It represents what our history and our country are all about. I wanted it to go beyond us — to go back to where it started."

Local historian George Comeau, a board member of the Revere & Son Heritage Trust Corp., which operates the museum, said few of the hundreds of bells the Reveres produced are in private hands — and most are hidden from public view.

"This bell went 3,000 miles from Canton to California," he said. "It just shows the long reach of history. We're super excited it's coming home."

Revere, an entrepreneur and innovator, is credited with launching the U.S. copper industry after the war.

Revere is best known for his famed midnight ride from Boston to Lexington on April 18, 1775, warning the Colonial militia that British forces were coming.

Iran to answer UN nuclear queries as deal talks near end

By Philipp Jenne
and Jon Gambrell
Associated Press

VIENNA — Iran has agreed to supply answers long sought by the United Nations' nuclear watchdog, Tehran and the U.N. agency said Saturday, as talks in Vienna over its tattered atomic deal appear to be coming to an end.

A joint statement by Mohammad Eslami, the head of the civilian Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, and Rafael Mariano Grossi of the International Atomic Energy Agency, came hours after the two met in Tehran.

It envisions the issue of the discovery of uranium particles at former undeclared sites in the country being wrapped up by June — a move that is separate from the talks over the nuclear deal but could help push them to a conclusion.

But meanwhile, Russia's foreign minister for the first time linked American sanctions on Moscow over its war on Ukraine to the ongoing Iran nuclear deal talks.

Grossi said in Tehran that "it would be difficult to believe or to imagine that such an important return to such a comprehensive agreement like the (nuclear deal) would be possible if the agency and Iran would not be seeing eye to eye on how to resolve these important safeguards issues." Safeguards refer to the IAEA's inspections and monitoring of a country's nuclear program.

Grossi has long sought for Iran to answer questions about man-made uranium particles found at former undeclared nuclear sites in the country. U.S. intelligence agencies, Western nations and the IAEA have said Iran ran an organized nuclear weapons program until 2003. Iran long has denied ever seeking nuclear weapons.

Eslami said the men



Mohamed Eslami, right, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, greets Rafael Mariano Grossi, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, for talks on Saturday in Tehran. VAHID SALEMI/AP

had reached an "agreement" that would see Iran "presenting documents that would remove the ambiguities about our country." He did not elaborate on the documents.

The later joint statement said that by March 20, Eslami's agency will give the U.N. nuclear watchdog "written explanations including related supporting documents to the questions raised by the IAEA which have not been addressed by Iran on the issues related to three locations."

Within two weeks, it said, the IAEA will review that information and submit any questions, and within a week of that the two agencies will meet in Tehran.

Grossi will then aim to report his conclusions by June.

The nuclear deal saw Iran agree to drastically limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of crushing economic sanctions. But a 2018 decision by then-President Donald Trump to unilaterally withdraw America from the agreement sparked years of tensions and attacks across the wider Mideast.

Today, Tehran enriches uranium up to 60% purity — its highest level ever and

a short technical step from weapons-grade levels of 90% and far greater than the nuclear deal's 3.67% cap.

Undeclared sites played into the initial 2015 deal as well. That year the IAEA's then-director-general also came to Tehran and visited one suspected weapons-program site at Parchin.

In Vienna, negotiators appear to be signaling a deal is near amid Russia's war on Ukraine. Russia's ambassador there, Mikhail Ulyanov, has been a key mediator in the talks and tweeted Thursday that negotiations were "almost over." That was also acknowledged by French negotiator Philippe Errera.

But comments Saturday by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov offered the suggestion that the war — and the sanctions Americans and others have put on Moscow — could interfere.

"We need guarantees these sanctions will in no way affect the trading, economic and investment relations contained in the (deal) for the Iranian nuclear program," Lavrov said, according to the Tass news agency.

Lavrov said he wanted "guarantees at least at the level of the secretary of state."

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WORLD & NATION

FERTILITY FRAUD

Ancestry search leads Miami man to unravel a biological mystery, expose a medical secret

By Jacqueline Mroz
The New York Times

Like millions of Americans, David Berry was curious about his genealogy. He wanted to learn more about his paternal grandfather, whose ancestry was British.

But as he explored his father's side of the family, he discovered something unexpected: The man he thought was his father was not related to him at all.

His DNA test results from Ancestry.com offered two additional surprises: Berry, 37, was more than 50% Jewish, and he had a cousin or a half sibling who was unknown to him.

So Berry, who grew up in Rochester, New York, and now lives in Miami, began searching for his biological father.

His parents revealed that their doctor had found them an anonymous sperm donor. Could he find him?

Over the next three years, Berry learned that he had at least 10 half brothers and sisters through the same donor. He reached out and met some of them, including Morgan Hellquist, 36, who lives in the Rochester area.

In May, he finally discovered his biological father's identity.

The man was not an anonymous sperm donor after all, but was Dr. Morris Wortman, the fertility doctor in Rochester that his mother had seen. Wortman, who still practices there, had impregnated her with his own sperm without telling her.

Wortman declined numerous requests for comment. Berry's mother also declined to comment.

Berry shared the news with Hellquist. It came as a particular shock to her. For the preceding decade, Wortman had been her gynecologist.

In September, she filed a lawsuit against him for battery and emotional distress for having knowingly treated her as his patient.

"Everything I thought I knew about myself has been ripped apart and smashed to the ground," she said. "To know that you come from someone that would do this."

She added: "The idea that that man's DNA is in my children made me want to die."

The news of Wortman's alleged actions as a fertility doctor also came as a shock to his immediate family.

Arielle Wortman, 37, a daughter from a first marriage, said she was shaken by the revelation.

"I'm heartbroken that my father betrayed the trust of the patients and families under his care," she said.

DNA revelations

Over the past several years, more than 50 fertility doctors in the United States have been accused of fraud in connection with donating sperm, according to legal experts and observers.

Traci Portugal, who is in her 40s, lives in Washington state and runs the website DonorDeceived.org, which catalogs and tracks the legal cases dealing with fraud and donor conception. She has documented more than two dozen U.S. doctors, and at least a half-dozen internationally, who have been sued by their former patients for fertility fraud.

Portugal founded the organization in 2019 after learning that her mother's physician was also her biological father.

In Canada, a notorious case involving Norman Barwin, a fertility doctor, led to a class-action lawsuit involving 226 former patients and their children. In July, in what is believed to be the first legal settlement of its kind, the families accepted the Canadian equivalent of about \$10 million in compensation.

Nearly all of the physicians who have been accused were discovered as a result of DNA tests taken by their offspring.

Hellquist's mother, like



David Berry, who learned that he had 10 half brothers and sisters through his mother's fertility doctor, at his home in Miami. An ancestry search uncovered doctors who used their own sperm to impregnate patients. SAUL MARTINEZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES



Traci Portugal runs a website that catalogs and tracks legal cases dealing with fertility fraud. DAVID RYDER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Berry's, had seen Wortman for help becoming pregnant. He told Hellquist's parents that he had used a medical student as a sperm donor.

Arthur Caplan, a bioethicist at New York University's Langone Medical Center, said that this sort of deception by a physician "can lead to traumatic distress" for the women involved.

It soon emerged that Wortman was one of three physicians in Rochester — all friends and colleagues — who, starting in the 1960s, had secretly used their own sperm to impregnate women.

Dr. Frederick Dischinger, who died last year, and Dr. Robert Tichell, who is retired, were found in June to have secretly used their own sperm with patients, according to genetic evidence gathered by DNAngels.org, an organization whose volunteers assist people seeking knowledge of their biological roots. The evidence came from two

people whose mothers had sought help with pregnancy and who suspected they were biological offspring of the doctors.

Tichell lost his license in 1997 for unrelated reasons.

Reached by phone at his home in Buffalo, Tichell, 89, said it was possible that he was the biological father of at least one of his patients' children.

"I was a donor at one time," he said. "Sometimes back in those days, before the days of fertility clinics, if you couldn't get hold of a donor and you were working with a patient who was looking to get pregnant — it wasn't exactly ethical, but it wasn't unknown to happen."

He added: "I assume other doctors did it, but no one ever talked about it."

He elaborated in a subsequent text message: "I admit I did it when a doctor did not respond. Women were anxious to be inseminated, and the timing was crucial. It may have been

less than perfect, but with luck, the women were able to conceive."

Push for laws

When children were conceived via artificial insemination in the 1970s and 1980s, sperm banks were not prevalent and the practice of freezing sperm was not widespread, so many physicians used so-called fresh sperm from donors. The first large-scale sperm bank in the country, California Cryobank, was created in 1977.

After the AIDS epidemic, physicians started using frozen sperm because it allowed donors to be retested for AIDS after six months. By 1988, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that only frozen sperm be used for donor insemination, and the sperm-banking industry was subsequently born.

Many physicians donated sperm as medical students in the 1960s and 1970s, and some observers believe that a number of doctors may have gone on to use their own sperm to treat infertility when they were trying to build a reputation for themselves as successful fertility doctors.

These physicians' actions may have been unethical, but they were not considered illegal at the time. Recently, there has been a movement to change that.

Portugal and other activists have been pushing for legislation, both statewide and nationally, that would make fertility fraud a crime. There are laws in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Texas and Utah. Arkansas enacted legislation in April and bills have been introduced in seven other states, including New York.

Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat, has proposed one of seven fertility fraud bills, includ-

ing companion bills, that are now before the New York State Assembly and Senate. His bill would offer victims the ability to pursue cases in criminal and civil court, by making fertility fraud a felony offense (aggravated sexual assault). It would also give the patient, spouse and child born of fertility fraud the right to sue the donor, doctor, clinic or health practitioner in civil court.

The proposed legislation would also allow physicians to be prosecuted for these offenses within three years of a patient or offspring's discovery.

Face in mirror

When Berry learned that he had half siblings with whom he had little in common — except that their mothers had used the same fertility doctor — he began to suspect that Wortman might be his biological father. After years of searching, he decided to contact Arielle Wortman, one of the doctor's daughters by his wife, and asked if she would take a genetic test to help him find the truth.

To his surprise, she agreed.

The tests were analyzed by Laura Olmsted, executive director of DNAngels.org. About a week later, she had the results: It was true — they were half siblings.

Berry was both stunned and relieved.

The discovery did clear up one mystery, Berry said: Although his mother had asked for a donor who looked like actor Tom Selleck, she had always thought her son looked more like Morris Wortman.

"Now I understand this other side of myself, and when I look at the mirror, for better or worse, I see the doctor's face," he said. "That's liberating on one hand. On the other hand, it's a tough pill to swallow, because look at what he did."

The doctor's ex-wife, Laura Wortman, who lives in the Pacific Northwest, said she was stunned when she learned what her former husband had done.

She previously worked as a registered nurse and was acquainted with the other Rochester physicians, Tichell and Dischinger, whom she described as friends with Morris Wortman.

"I didn't know it was going on at the time," she said. "I feel that it was ethically wrong and that, if it's true, it needs to be brought to light. These physicians need to be held accountable for their actions."

Sandra Doorley, the district attorney for Monroe County, which includes Rochester, said her office was interested in looking into "these disturbing allegations" against the doctors.

"I urge any victim of this deception to reach out to my office so we can investigate the matter," she said.

Adam Wolf, a lawyer, said his firm had so far represented about two dozen women who found out through DNA testing that their child's biological father was, in fact, their fertility doctor.

In every case, the doctor said that he would find sperm from an anonymous donor but then used his own, Wolf said.

Dischinger, who died recently at 91, was a long-time OB-GYN in Rochester.

When reached by phone, his son, Todd Dischinger, said the family had no comment on the allegations that his father had secretly used his own sperm on patients.

Portugal believes that the number of doctors found to have committed this type of fertility fraud will continue to grow.

"For some doctors, I think there was a disconnect between this being a medical procedure and the fact that they were creating and giving away their own children," she said. "For others, they knew what they were doing was wrong, and they were able to hide their predatory sexual actions behind the use of anonymity."

WORLD & NATION

Finns, Swedes hint at security shift

Nordic countries warm up to idea of NATO membership

By Jari Tanner
Associated Press

HELSINKI — Through the Cold War and the decades since, nothing could persuade Finns and Swedes that they would be better off joining NATO — until now.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has changed Europe's security outlook, including for Nordic neutrals Finland and Sweden, where support for joining NATO has surged to record levels.

A poll commissioned by Finnish broadcaster YLE last week showed that, for the first time, more than 50% of Finns support joining the Western military alliance. In neighboring Sweden, a similar poll showed those in favor of NATO membership outnumber those against.

“The unthinkable might start to become thinkable,” tweeted former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt, a proponent of NATO membership.

Neither country is going to join the alliance overnight. Support for NATO membership rises and falls, and there's no clear majority for joining in their parliaments.

But the signs of change since Russia began its invasion are unmistakable.

The attack on Ukraine prompted Finland and Sweden to break with their policy of not providing arms to countries at war by sending assault rifles and anti-tank weapons to Kyiv. For Sweden, it's the first time it's offering military aid since 1939, when it assisted Finland against the Soviet Union.

Apparently sensing a shift among its Nordic neighbors, the Russian Foreign Ministry last week voiced concern about what it described as efforts by the United States and some of its allies to



Finnish President Sauli Niinisto is adamant that it will be up to Finland — and not another country — whether it decides to join NATO. **SEPPO SAMULI/LEHTIKUVA**

“drag” Finland and Sweden into NATO and warned that Moscow would be forced to take retaliatory measures if they joined the alliance.

The governments of Sweden and Finland retorted that they won't let Moscow dictate their security policy.

“I want to be extremely clear: It is Sweden that itself and independently decides on our security policy line,” Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson said.

Finland has a conflict-ridden history with Russia, with which it shares a 830-mile border. Finns have taken part in dozens of wars against their eastern neighbor, for centuries as part of the Swedish Kingdom, and as an independent nation, including two fought with the Soviet Union from 1939-40 and 1941-44.

In the postwar period, however, Finland pursued pragmatic political and economic ties with Moscow, remaining militarily nonaligned and a neutral buffer between East and West.

Sweden has avoided military alliances for more than 200 years, choosing a path of peace after centuries of warfare with its neighbors.

Both countries put an end to traditional neutrality by joining the European Union in 1995 and deepening cooperation with NATO. However, a majority of people in both countries remained against full membership in the alliance — until now.

The YLE poll showed 53% were in favor of Finland joining NATO, with only 28% against. The poll had an error margin of 2.5 percent-

age points and included 1,382 respondents interviewed Feb. 23 to 25. Russia's invasion began Feb. 24.

“It's a very significant shift,” said senior researcher Matti Pesu from the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. “We've had a situation in the past 25-30 years where Finns' opinions on NATO have been very stable. It seems to now to have changed completely.”

While noting that it's not possible to draw conclusions from a poll, Pesu said no similar shift in public opinion occurred after Russia's 2008 war with Georgia and the 2014 annexation of the Crimean Peninsula, “so this is an exception.”

In Sweden, a late February poll commissioned by public broadcaster SVT found 41% of Swedes supported

NATO membership and 35% opposed it, marking the first time that those in favor exceeded those against.

The Nordic duo, important partners for NATO in the Baltic Sea area where Russia has increased its military maneuvers in the past decade, has stressed that it is up to them alone to decide whether to join the military alliance.

In his New Year's speech, Finnish President Sauli Niinisto pointedly said that “Finland's room to maneuver and freedom of choice also include the possibility of military alignment and of applying for NATO membership, should we ourselves so decide.”

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg noted recently that for Helsinki and Stockholm “this is a question of self-determi-

nation and the sovereign right to choose your own path and then potentially in the future, also to apply for NATO.”

There are no set criteria for joining NATO, but aspiring candidates must meet certain political and other considerations. Many observers believe Finland and Sweden would qualify for fast-track entry into NATO.

Though not members, Finland and Sweden cooperate with NATO, allowing, among other things, the alliance's troops to exercise on their soil. Helsinki and Stockholm have also intensified their bilateral defense cooperation in the past years, and both have secured close military cooperation with the U.S., Britain and neighboring NATO member Norway.

WEEKLY MARKET RUNDOWN

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Disney	DIS	129.26	203.02	140.72	-8.81	-5.9	▼	▼	-9.1	-24.3	■■■■	6.3	>99 ...	SS&C Technologies	SSNC	62.93	84.85	75.67	0.30	0.4	▼	▲	-7.7	17.9	■■■■	17.5	49 0.8
DuPont de Nemours	DD	66.37	86.28	74.39	-3.68	-4.7	▼	▼	-7.9	4.8	■■■■	0.4	7 1.8	Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	SIRI	5.75	7.29	6.17	0.01	0.2	▼	▼	-2.8	10.4	■■■■	5.6	>99 1.4
EMCOR Group Inc	EME	98.61	135.98	114.91	-2.04	-1.7	▼	▼	-9.8	13.2	■■■■	12.8	20 0.3	Snap Inc A	SNAP	24.32	83.34	33.09	-6.06	-15.5	▼	▼	-29.6	-40.6	■■■■	5.7
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	7.37	11.55	10.43	0.64	6.5	▲	▲	26.7	39.8	■■■■	-4.2	8 6.7	Stanley Black & Deck	SWK	151.21	225.00	161.66	-0.23	-0.1	▼	▼	-14.3	-8.5	■■■■	6.9	15 2.0
Ethan Allen	ETD	22.02	32.15	26.23	0.68	2.7	▲	▲	-0.2	13.0	■■■■	2.9	22 4.4	Taiwan Semicon	TSM	104.38	145.00	105.06	-6.17	-5.5	▼	▼	-12.7	-9.9	■■■■	30.5	26 1.5
Eversource Energy	ES	76.64	92.66	85.94	4.77	5.9	▲	▲	-5.5	10.5	■■■■	10.0	25 3.0	Terex Corp	TEX	37.82	55.60	38.27	-3.41	-8.2	▼	▼	-12.9	-5.6	■■■■	5.5	15 1.4
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Ford Motor	F	11.14	25.87	16.85	-0.98	-5.5	▼	▼	-18.9	46.3	■■■■	9.3	20 2.4	Travelers Cos	TRV	144.44	174.90	173.40	-0.04	0.0	▲	▲	10.8	17.5	■■■■	8.8	12 2.0
Freeport McMoRan	FCX	29.45	49.55	50.11	3.77	8.1	▲	▲	20.1	41.3	■■■■	30.5	19 0.6	Uber Technologies	UBER	29.71	61.50	29.83	-5.15	-14.7	▼	▼	-28.9	-43.5	■■■■	0.0
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	3.40	19.12	5.44	0.16	3.0	▲	▼	4.6	-63.9	■■■■	-23.0	UnitedHealth Group	UNH	332.67	509.23	498.65	22.90	4.8	▲	▲	-0.7	47.9	■■■■	24.7	31 1.2
Gen Dynamics	GD	163.12	239.76	245.29	17.31	7.6	▲	▲	17.7	44.6	■■■■	6.4	21 1.9	Virtus Invest	VRTS	226.38	338.80	220.38	-27.87	-11.2	▼	▼	-25.8	-2.7	■■■■	17.5	15 2.7
Gen Electric	GE	87.70	116.17	89.14	-7.23	-7.5	▼	▼	-5.6	-13.7	■■■■	-15.3	... 0.4	Voya Financial	VOYA	58.97	74.97	63.08	-5.47	-8.0	▼	▲	-4.9	5.1	■■■■	9.9	4 1.3
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	50.63	78.17	67.47	-2.88	-4.1	▼	▲	-2.3	35.0	■■■■	8.9	11 2.3	Webster Financial	WBS	45.60	65.00	55.95	-3.96	-6.6	▼	▲	0.2	4.3	■■■■	3.2	14 2.9
Honeywell Intl	HON	174.42	236.86	187.43	-1.13	-0.6	▼	▼	-10.1	-7.6	■■■■	11.1	27 2.1	White Mtns Insur	WTM	978.51	1243.57	1056.57	0.10	0.0	▲	▲	4.2	-9.4	■■■■	2.7	18 0.1
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	12.58	19.08	15.15	-0.26	-1.7	▼	▼	-4.8	22.5	■■■■	13.6	11 7.9	World Wrestling Ent	WWE	46.81	70.72	58.69	0.09	0.2	▲	▲	19.0	16.2	■■■■	24.3	37 0.8
Infosys Ltd	INFY	17.24	26.39	22.46	-0.38	-1.7	▼	▼	-11.3	24.2	■■■■	25.7	35 ...	XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	61.63	90.78	66.74	-5.01	-7.0	▲	▼	-13.8	.8	■■■■	18.8	26 ...
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	2.76	11.91	3.11	-0.11	-3.4	▼	▼	-37.7	-67.5	■■■■	-14.9	Xerox Holdings Corp	XRX	17.59	26.96	18.51	-1.55	-7.7	▼	▼	-18.2	-20.7	■■■■	-3.9	13 5.4
Intel Corp	INTC	43.63	68.49	48.07	0.36	0.8	▲	▼	-6.7	-17.6	■■■■	8.6	9 3.0	Yamana Gold Inc	AUY	3.70	5.44	5.21	0.24	4.8	▲	▲	23.5	25.2	■■■■	15.6	31 2.3

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30 year fixed mortgage		4.10	4.25	5 year CD		0.50 0.43
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6-month T-Bill		0.67	-0.05	▲ ▲		0.60 0.78 0.02
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Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.						

New York Times Crossword

CINEMAGRAMS

BY SHELDON POLONSKY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Sheldon Polonsky, of Cincinnati, is a pediatrician and medical software analyst at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He loves movies and wordplay and sees films in theaters whenever possible. The theme clues for this puzzle took varied amounts of time to compose: 75-Across came in five minutes; 119-Across took half an hour; 22-Across required three days, on and off. This is Sheldon's second Times puzzle and first Sunday. — W.S.

- ACROSS**

1 Items used with PINs

9 There's one for the U.S. Census

15 In a tussle

19 Dismiss

20 Takes it one step at a time

21 Pad Thai garnish

22 *Sea captain: robber, thief (2003)*

25 Photographer's tool, for short

26 Unlike this puzzle, we hope

27 Source of suffering

28 They're hoppy at happy hour

32 Quaint lead-in to while

33 All the kings' men?

34 *True fellow is a find (1946)*

40 With room for interpretation

41 Top

42 Game pieces in Mastermind

46 Word after contact or before cover

47 Chill (out)

49 Bit of deception

50 Unfinished attic space

52 *Re: town fire one night (1974)*

56 "Whoopie!"

59 Origin of the words "club" and "gun"

60 It's a lot in London

61 Tip of the tongue?

62 Best-selling crime novelist Gregg

65 Breed featured in 2009's "Hachi: A Dog's Tale"

67 Miff, with "off"

68 One seeking a new agreement, perhaps
- 70 Ground-breaking tool

73 "Not interested"

75 *Evil Streep had award (2006)*

80 Be a paragon of

81 Guys that rhyme with "girls"

82 Folder attachment

83 The "Y" of Y.S.L.

87 Beams

88 Wallop

89 One of the Roys on "Succession"

91 *M. Ryan, what's her yell? (1989)*

96 They have massive calves

100 "OK!" in Okayama

101 Puts forth

102 Account

103 Protected creature in the Congo Basin

107 Alternatives to tablets

110 *R.E.M.: alarming to the teens (1984)*

115 ____ colada

116 "Louisiana ____," music show that helped launch Elvis's career

117 Fried, filled Filipino fare

118 Part of STEM: Abbr.

119 Angry dog sounds

120 Elf at the North Pole, e.g.
- DOWN**

1 First courses, informally

2 Drudgery

3 First Black woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature

4 When doubled, a dance

5 Quick to learn

6 Spawn in the sea

7 "____ thou love life?": Benjamin Franklin

8 Drove (away)

9 ____ Men ("Who Let the Dogs Out" group)

10 One with a password, maybe

11 Document stamp abbr.

12 That: Sp.

13 Blimp, e.g.

14 Humanitarian org. with Halloween fund drives

15 First name in Harry Potter

16 Ranks

17 Would you look at that!

18 Believe in it

20 Onetime dentist's supply

23 Front

24 Company with sound financials?

29 Target with a throw

30 "!!!!!" feeling

31 Crack

33 Held tightly

34 "Tis an ____ cook that cannot lick his own fingers": "Romeo and Juliet"

35 The third of three X's

36 Opposite of da

37 All ____ (English card game)

38 Release, in a way

39 Soul singer

42 School for the college-bound

43 Paper slips?

44 Signs in a bookstore, perhaps

45 Encourages

48 Out of the park

49 Each

50 Airborne irritant

51 Chicken ... or cowed

53 Addicted

54 Broke the finish line ribbon

55 "____ on parle français"

56 Lead-in to day or year

57 Pulmicort targets it

58 Adverb in many legal documents

63 Impose, as a fine

64 ____ Lanka

65 Certain banner fodder

66 Didn't ditch

69 Certain partners' exchanges

70 Brand with an iComfort line

71 Less vibrant

72 Harvard dropouts, maybe?

74 Recurrent space in The Game of Life

76 Depends (on)

77 Break-even situation

78 Aid in putting together a fall collection

79 Drives the getaway car for, say

84 Slangy SoCal dialect

85 Sharp turn

86 Designing

88 Rhea with four Emmys

90 Phone-tracking org.

91 Accompanying

92 Shrubby areas

93 Europe's Three Countries Bridge crosses it

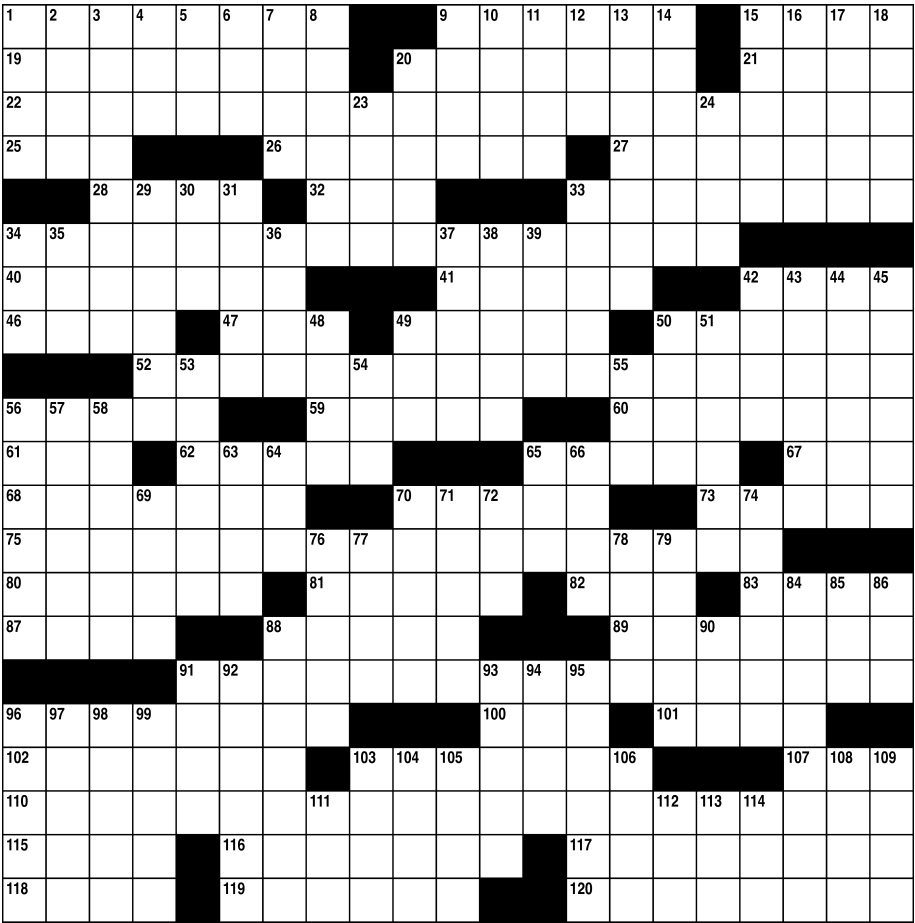
94 Big name in locks

95 Grain variety

96 ____-Nuts

97 World leader who appeared on a Time magazine cover 40 years after his death

98 Sailing through



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- 99 The world's most expensive one, the Gurkha Royal Courtesan, costs over \$1.3 million
- 103 Angry dog's sound
- 104 Trompe l' ____
- 105 Sticks
- 106 Some finds in Fortnite
- 108 Hand over
- 109 Have the lead (in)
- 111 Actress Cash of FX's "You're the Worst"
- 112 Who might bug you?
- 113 Headwear with a pompom
- 114 Vaccine molecule

Answer To Last Week's Puzzle:

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Bill on fired cops causes division

Public safety leaders, union debate guidelines on rehiring officers

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A bill that focuses on fired Connecticut cops and how they might continue careers in law enforcement sounds like “over-kill,” a representative of the state’s largest police union said, but public

safety leaders called the proposal vital to maintaining high standards. The bill would retain current law that prevents police officers who are fired for “malfeasance” or “serious misconduct” and those who quit or retire while under investigation from being hired by another department. It adds language that says the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall not certify such officers, while also allowing them

an appeals process. The bill also amends the list of firing offenses for “serious misconduct.” Testifying Thursday before the legislature’s public safety committee, state Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner James Rovella and department attorney Colin Milne said the department fully supports the bill. “It is vital that we hold our law enforcement to the highest standards,” the officials said, noting

that an officer denied certification could appeal at a hearing before the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. But Brian Anderson, legislative director for Council 4 AFSCME’s public safety chapter, said the union representing 2,000 police officers “is strongly opposed to making already onerous requirements even more so.” “We ask you to consider context,” Anderson told the public safety panel. “Police accountabil-

ity and transparency have been hashed over extensively for at least the last seven years by the General Assembly.” Anderson listed requirements of the state’s police accountability law, including body cameras, curtailment of qualified immunity protections and creation of an Inspector General’s position to investigate cases involving deadly force by law enforcement.

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Liam Cohen, of Bridgeport, a freshman at the University of Connecticut, said it was disappointing how few doctors know about “trans issues and trans mentality.” CAROL LEONETTI DANNHAUSER/CONNECTICUT HEALTH I-TEAM

‘IT IS LITERALLY LIFESAVING’

A survival tool in transgender community, breast binders are in demand

By Carol Leonetti Dannhauser | Conn. Health I-Team

Requests for free breast binders by transgender youths in 2022 have outnumbered supplies at Health Care Advocates International in Stratford, which serves LGBTQ and HIV communities. HCAI received 126 binder requests in the first three weeks of January alone, crushing last year’s numbers and temporarily wiping out inventory. The group sent out 190 binders in all of 2021. A quarter of them went to Connecticut youths, with the rest shipped nationwide and beyond.

“The numbers are jumping because there is such a need,” said Tony Ferraiolo, the Youth & Family Program director at HCAI. He began the binder program on his own before working with HCAI because he knew from experience the difference a binder can make in a young person’s

life. “When you give a child hope for a better life, they won’t want to take their life. When we give them a binder, they’re walking tall. It is literally lifesaving.” Chest binders compress breasts to give the appearance of a flat chest. For transgender males who were designated female at birth but who identify as male, developed breasts can trigger body dysphoria so debilitating that it can lead to severe depression and worse. “Half of these kids attempt suicide,” Ferraiolo said, citing a finding from a 2018 report by the American Academy of

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Call with Zelenskyy ‘intensely emotional’

Congressional leaders back aid, sanctions, action on gas prices

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Connecticut congressional leaders who spoke to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Saturday said the U.S. must answer his urgent request for aid and broader sanctions against Russia. “President Zelenskyy was grateful for the military assistance that Ukraine has received from the U.S. so far,” Rep. Joe Courtney said after the remote call, “and he made clear to us that they’re in desperate need for more.” Courtney said he hoped Congress will answer Zelenskyy’s plea in the coming week by approving \$10 billion in military and humanitarian assistance. Speaking to more than 300 U.S. representatives and senators, the Ukraine leader also lauded increasingly severe sanctions against Russia, Courtney said. He made it clear, however, “that it’s time for all countries, including the U.S., to cut off Russian oil imports to our nations,” Courtney said. “He’s right — let’s cut them off.” “I’m supporting a cut in the imports of Russian oil and gas, an embargo, as is contained in bipartisan legislation,” U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal said in a press conference Saturday afternoon. Blumenthal noted, however, that Russian gas “is only a fraction of what we use.” The U.S. last year imported an average of about 20.4 million barrels of crude and refined products from Russia, about 8% of U.S. liquid fuel imports, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). The call with Zelenskyy was “intensely emotional,” Blumenthal said, calling his courage

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Lawmakers look to shift electricity cost burden

Legislation aims to ease impact of rising prices on residents, businesses

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

With Connecticut residents and businesses paying the highest electricity prices in the continen-

tal U.S., state legislators and regulators are taking aim at costs that utilities pass on to customers that might otherwise be paid by shareholders. Legislation would require utilities to reimburse ratepayers 80% of excess earnings, up from the current 50-50 split with shareholders. Another proposed measure would give state regula-

tors more authority to calculate a utility’s revenue affected by energy that ratepayers save through efficiency and conservation. And proposed legislation would forbid utilities from dunning ratepayers the cost of membership dues or other contributions to business and industry associations. “I get asked all the time why our rates are so high. It’s not any

one thing,” Marissa Gillett, chairwoman of the state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, told lawmakers at a recent eight-hour hearing. Risks associated with operating a utility — storms, outages, new legislation, state and federal regulations — have “mostly shifted to the ratepayers,” Gillett said. Legislation is intended to restore

balance between the customers and shareholders, she said. Adding to what legislators and regulators see as an imbalance that’s costly to ratepayers has been the performance by Eversource Energy and United Illuminating following destructive storms. Most recently, Tropical Storm Isaias in

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Binders

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Pediatrics. “Way more than 50% do self-harm. One way we can minimize this is to provide them with what they need.”

As soon as Oliver Przech, a 16-year-old junior at Farmington High School and president of the school’s Gender Sexuality Alliance, learned about HCAI’s free binder program in January, he spread the word on Google Classroom. He’d started wearing a binder in secret in the spring of eighth grade, and it helped him survive the school day without paralyzing fear. He wanted to provide that help to others.

“As much as I’d like to, I work a minimum-wage job and can’t afford to buy a binder for everyone who needs one,” Przech said one afternoon during a brief break from his after-school job at the Farmington public library, his one place of refuge during years of internal tumult.

Before Przech learned about binding, he’d spent many months researching, trying to make sense of himself. Finally, he discovered a word that seemed to describe him: transgender. Designated female at birth, Przech knew in his heart, mind and soul that he was male. Breasts, however, advertised otherwise: “This is a female person,” Przech said. “I was really struggling. I had never met anyone else or spoken to anyone else who had felt the way I did.” He suffered from despair so bleak that it landed him in the hospital.

“I knew that wearing a binder was going to make me feel better mentally. I was able to order one on my own and kind of kept it hidden and just wore it to school every day,” Przech said. “Seeing yourself in the mirror and seeing the body that you want looking back at you—seeing something that more reflects how you feel—is very, very beneficial and very helpful just for mental well-being.”

Literally minutes after he posted about the free binders, requests from classmates landed in Ferraiolo’s in-box.

“Oliver is a superhero to me,” Ferraiolo said. “He knows what it meant to be in the darkness. But he also knows what it’s like to put a binder on and be in the light. I know what it’s like to be that transgender kid and not feel like you’re heard. Oliver is providing hope.”

Care under the radar

Christy Olezeski, a child and adolescent psychologist at the Yale School of Medicine whose research and training focused on trauma, found herself working increasingly with clients who questioned their gender. “I was talking to one of my supervisors and asked a very innocent question: Who is providing health care to the trans community, specifically kids and adolescents?”

At best, the answers were anecdotal, so Olezeski set out to learn more. She reached out to Yale endocrinologists, who handle hormone therapy for transgender patients. They enlisted folks from legal and billing, from the medical ethicist and a transgender chaplain. The team slowly but surely created an “under the radar” gender clinic, where patients would see an endocrinologist and a mental health professional during the same visit.

Olezeski and crew offered services for half a day each month in 2018. But demand kept increasing, and the service kept growing. So, last year, the Yale Pediatric Gender Program, which is now official and Olezeski now directs, added clinics in Old Saybrook and Trumbull in addition to New



Oliver Przech, a high school junior, started wearing a binder in eighth grade. Before wearing one, he spent months researching, trying to make sense of himself. **CAROL LEONETTI DANNHAUSE PHOTOS/CONNECTICUT HEALTH I-TEAM**

Haven. Patients range in age from 3 to 25. “We have about 400 kids that we’re seeing currently,” Olezeski said. About 57% identify as a boy or man, 27% as a girl or woman, 13% as non-binary and 3% as other. The next available appointment for a new patient is in June of 2023. About 220 people are on the waiting list.

For transgender males, puberty can prove paralyzing with its periods and breasts.

“They call [breasts] ‘bumps’ or ‘these things.’ It’s really dysphoria-inducing,” Olezeski said. In a restaurant, at school, in family gatherings, out on the street, enlarged breasts identify a person as female. But inside, the person is thinking, “But this is not who I am!” Olezeski said.

“A lot of times, there is a really strong discomfort, potentially this repulsion, with this part of the area. Many people cannot feel like they’re in their body. It’s a physical sensation. They can’t take a shower. They steam up the room so they can’t see. We talk to them about getting a loofah on a stick because they can’t touch that area.”

Binders can help. Constructed out of nylon, cotton, Spandex and other stretchable, breathable materials, the garments, which cost around \$35, are designed to compress and disperse breast tissue to help convey a flat-chest appearance. A binder can look like a vest, a sports bra, a tank top, an undershirt. Many of HCAI’s binders are donated in bulk by Underworks in Miami. HCAI pays to ship them to people in need. Binders are worn while swimming, at the gym, in school, to sleep—many young transgender males credit binders with helping them survive the day.

Getting dressed without pain

Although binders aren’t supposed to be worn for more than eight hours each day, wearers sometimes trade their physical well-being for their emotional health, even sleeping in them. Folks who don’t have access to binders have been known to fashion their own wrap out of Ace bandages, duct tape, plastic wrap.

These issues are concerning to Janine Stoner, an occupational therapist at Middlesex Health in Middletown, which runs the Center for Gender Medicine and Wellness.

“Nobody really teaches anybody how to bind,” Stoner said. “I always think of preschoolers who play dress-up—nobody plays dress-up with a binder, so where are you



Christy Olezeski is a child and adolescent psychologist at the Yale School of Medicine.

supposed to learn these things? People learn either from a friend or from the internet.”

During Middlesex’s 2019 annual Day of G.I.F.T.S. (Gathering Information for Transgender Services), Stoner discovered that “80 to 90% of people who use binders had a negative effect,” ranging from skin irritation to constricted breathing to pain in the shoulders, chest and rib cage. “There was a whole host of discomforts. Everybody had something.” This troubled Stoner, an occupational therapist whose goal is to “make people independent in their daily life needs. It should not be painful to get dressed, to represent who you are in a comfortable way.”

Stoner set out to develop a safe binding program that would limit adverse effects on the thoracic wall, protect lung function and safeguard the wearer’s muscles. She lined up co-workers to volunteer for different protocols, trying everything from Kinesio tape to commercial binders. She turned to studies and research for help but only found a few. So, together with Dr. Todd Bishop, the chief of pulmonary medicine at Middlesex, Stoner launched her own study, *Binding Among Transmales: Describing the Pulmonary Implications*, which is underway. “I use an incentive spirometer and have them take a deep breath, and I measure. When they have the binder on, I make sure they have enough room in the axillary region and make sure it’s not digging between the ribs. It’s about being safe but effective,” said Stoner, who has been an occupational therapist for 30 years. “It’s a new, emerging aspect of my job. The transgender community has been marginalized by the medical community. I want to make sure I have everything I need for all people.”

Those are reassuring words for Liam Cohen of Bridgeport, who



Janine Stoner is an occupational therapist at Middlesex Health in Middletown.

was designated female at birth but identifies as a “trans, non-binary guy” and prefers the gender-neutral pronoun “they.” But unfortunately, Cohen, 19, has found little understanding among doctors.

“One of the things that’s very disappointing is how few doctors know about trans issues and trans mentality, the psychology behind being trans and having gender dysphoria and how that relates to health care in their specific area,” said Cohen, a freshman at the University of Connecticut. “As soon as I mentioned that I wanted to talk to my ob-gyn about binding because I wanted to make sure to bind safely, they didn’t know anything about it. My yearly doctor didn’t know much about it either. One thing that’s really disappointing is how few health care professionals know about different gender identities and how to handle having trans patients.”

Cohen’s greatest source of dysphoria is their chest. “I’ve never felt comfortable having a chest out there. It’s like saying, ‘Hey, I’m a girl. Sexualize me.’ That’s how it’s been in my brain, and I’ve just always hated that. I felt severely uncomfortable—even in my own home—with my chest. It’s like having a scab; it feels wrong. That’s why I bind.”

Cohen turned to the internet to learn about binding. They couldn’t mention anything about it in their ultra-Orthodox Jewish home, where Cohen said “severe homophobia and transphobia” was woven into the culture.

“I was literally taught in my classes that being queer is wrong. I didn’t know that trans people existed,” Cohen said. “In the eighth grade, before I knew that gay was a thing, I remember wondering was it possible that every single person out of 7.8 billion people is going to

love the ‘opposite gender’? When I got older, I wondered was it possible that every single person in the world is happy being the gender born into the body they were given? In my own subconscious I was trying to grapple with the things going on inside of my own brain when I didn’t have the words for what I was experiencing.”

Battles at home led to being sent to an all-girls religious boarding school in high school—a lonely, depressing period for Cohen. After graduation, Cohen left the ultra-conservative Jewish community in which they had been raised, cut their hair and figured out their pronouns.

“I only gave myself the freedom to explore my sexuality and my gender identity once I left the community, so I could be analytical from a positive place,” Cohen said. Sadly, many family members refuse to accept this new identity. “They want me to put on a skirt and pretend I’m their granddaughter—not their grandchild, but their granddaughter,” Cohen said, their voice breaking.

The youth found support in an unexpected place: the online video gaming community, where a player’s gender was whatever they announced it to be. During this period of exploration, Cohen bought a traditional binder and tried it on. “Actually, I didn’t like it. It would start to hurt. It was hot, and I felt suffocated. As a very active person, I very much disliked that. So, I thought, well, maybe I’m just not binding; I’m just going to be like this forever.”

Then Cohen discovered TransTape, a thin, waterproof tape made mostly of cotton with a little Spandex woven in. Cohen wears the tape stretched across their chest, day and night, including in the shower. “It makes me feel just straight-up euphoric! I look at myself in the mirror and because I’d gone so long having my body be the wrong way, for it to all of a sudden be the way it’s supposed to be, it gives me so much self-confidence that it makes me want to stand tall and proud, as opposed to just hiding.”

And this is the main point of binding, said Yale’s Olezeski: To help youths present themselves to the world with confidence, rather than wearing bulky jackets inside the classroom or too-big sweatshirts to the gym. Or not going out at all. HCAI supplies the Yale gender clinic with free binders. “It’s been really nice to have them for a show and tell,” Olezeski said. “When kids try the binder on in the clinic, you see their faces, and they say, ‘Oh my God, *this* is what I’m supposed to look like!’”

Binders are just a temporary fix for most youths Olezeski works with. According to the doctor, 90%-95% of the clinic’s trans-masculine and non-binary youth want to eventually have “top surgery,” which is the surgical removal of breast tissue. In Connecticut, most gender-affirming surgery is paid for by health insurance.

In the meantime, though, the binders are a lifeline. Przech reported that some of his classmates “teared up” when they put on a binder for the first time. “They realized, ‘I am not the only one going through this. There are other people like me,’” he said. “We had so many students who, because of the binders, could just feel like themselves in their body, maybe for the first time ever.”

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August 2020 knocked out power to 1 million customers of the two utilities for days, drawing criticism from lawmakers and PURA who are imposing tighter regulation.

Asked by Rep. David Arconti, co-chairman of the General Assembly’s Energy and Technology Committee, whether Connecticut effectively penalizes utilities for poor performance with the prospect of rejecting reimbursement of costs that would otherwise be billed to customers, Gillett said, “Not in my opinion.”

Legislation that would improve cost-sharing by ratepayers and shareholders fits with efforts begun in 2020 to establish performance-based regulation, she said. “It’s critical that we take the steps now to put a stake in the ground in terms of what is acceptable,” Gillett said. “If we’re taking them as vestiges from regulations of a bygone era and applying them into this new construct I don’t want to carry over any bad practices into this new regulatory regime.”

Utilities, overseen by regulators, apportion the costs of oper-

ations and decide what should be borne by shareholders whose investments are sought and prized, and ratepayers who benefit from delivery of electricity. State Rep. Stephen Meskers, D-Greenwich, said utilities “obviously have a conflict.”

“Their goal is to maximize shareholder value, and they’re charged by us to serve the residents of the state in the electric business,” he said.

Mike Doyle, a senior equity analyst at Edward Jones, said in an interview Friday that the regulatory environment in the Northeast is generally tougher for utilities than elsewhere in the United States. Connecticut regulations have generally favored ratepayers, making it “more difficult than average to run a utility.”

Returns on equity, a measure of financial performance, that are allowed by regulators are generally lower, he said.

However, utilities have benefited from some regulatory improvements. Utilities are able to earn capital back more quickly, “rather than wait for a full-blown rate case,” Doyle said.

Legislation introduced by the Energy and Technology Committee would reduce the threshold

of what is considered an “over earning” by a utility. Over earnings occur when utilities generate more revenue than expected due to favorable financial conditions or the absence of destructive storms or costs are less than projected.

Eversource is now authorized to earn a 9.25% return on equity and is required to share its earnings if excess earnings are equivalent to a 10.25% return on equity or more. The proposed legislation would require Eversource to share if earnings were equivalent to 9.75% return on equity.

In addition, PURA would direct no less than 80% of over earnings to the company’s ratepayers, up from 50% now, according to the legislation.

Doug Horton, vice president of distribution rates and regulatory requirements at Eversource Energy, said over earnings don’t happen regularly.

Inflation, labor costs that are fixed in collective bargaining agreements with Eversource’s unionized workforce and other factors make it difficult to achieve the utility’s return on equity, a measure of financial performance, he told lawmakers.

“We find it very difficult to get

even close to our authorized ROE even though we pride ourselves greatly in controlling our costs to whatever extent possible, which is also a direct benefit to our customers,” Horton said.

Daniel Canavan, vice president of regulatory affairs at UI Holdings Corp., parent company of United Illuminating Co., said the current 50-50 split is an incentive to utilities to perform well.

“If the company operates more efficiently and earnings are driven up the company will share those excess earnings with customers,” he said.

Gillett also took aim at utilities seeking to pass on to ratepayers the cost of memberships in trade groups and business associations. Eversource Energy, for example, has submitted millions of dollars in membership fees as part of its budget evaluated by regulators.

“Not only are they not working on behalf of ratepayers, the trade associations are taking positions that are in opposition to ratepayer interests,” Gillett said.

A spokeswoman for PURA said Gillett referred to Edison Electric Institute, an influential Washington, D.C., industry group that worked with utilities urging the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission to give utilities the right to build regional transmission facilities without involving third-party developers.

Eversource said Edison Electric Institute manages the deployment of mutual aid crews for storm restoration and that the utility is barred from seeking to pass lobbying costs on to ratepayers.

Phil Moeller, executive vice president of business operations group and regulatory affairs at the Edison Electric Institute, said it’s “proud to provide broad benefits to the customers of our member companies on several fronts, including through mutual assistance planning and response, cyber and physical security coordination, training programs and forums for information sharing.”

UI said membership in associations provide access to best practices to improve reliability, project management and operations that benefit customers.

To Gillett, it’s another cost utility customers must pay.

“It’s been kind of like peeling back an onion and seeing our rates are so high because it’s been one thing after another,” she said.

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inspiring. There should be no doubt about the need for the \$10 billion aid package, he said, but he called it a “down payment and by no means the end of what we need to do.”

Zelenskyy told the senators and representatives that his forces particularly need Russian-made warplanes from Eastern Europe, which his pilots are trained to fly. Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York said in a statement, “These planes are very much needed. And I will do all I can to help the administration to facilitate their transfer.”

Blumenthal said the U.S. could replenish Eastern European air forces with U.S. planes.

Response to the humanitarian crisis, including help to the more than 1 million refugees fleeing Ukraine, is particularly urgent, Blumenthal said. Russian President Vladimir Putin’s forces are killing civilians, bombing hospitals and torturing people, he said. In the call with Zelenskyy, he said, “The incredible cruelty of Vladimir Putin’s invasion and his contempt for human life came across vividly.”



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told U.S. senators and representatives on a phone call Saturday that his forces particularly need Russian-made warplanes from Eastern Europe, which his pilots are trained to fly. **SERGEI SUPINSKY/GETTY-AFP**

Zelenskyy, according to published reports, was ardent about continuing the fight and called for widespread sanctions.

“We should consider every one of his requests and approve every one that we can — none are nonstarters,” Blumenthal said.

He said he agreed with President Biden that no U.S. troops will join the

fight in Ukraine. Zelenskyy also called for a no-fly zone over Ukraine, but Blumenthal and others who were on the call cited the dangers of direct confrontations with American and other NATO forces that could escalate war with a nuclear power.

Asked about soaring gasoline prices at home, Blumenthal said the 18.4 cent per gallon gas tax should be

suspended. Also, oil production outside Russia should increase throughout the world, and the strategic petroleum reserve should be tapped, he said.

People struggling to pay rising prices for all kinds of goods should direct their anger at Putin, Blumenthal said. It is Putin’s “unprovoked and unnecessary” war that is “churning and

disrupting the world’s markets for oil and gas and for other commodities like wheat and corn,” he said.

Asked whether the U.S. should welcome refugees from Ukraine into this country, Blumenthal said there is an ongoing discussion about granting temporary status to the nation’s increasing legions of homeless people. The \$10 billion aid package is to include food and medical supplies that will help refugees, he said.

Answering a question on the importance of Russian opposition to the war, Blumenthal said, “We should not be overly optimistic” about the effects, noting that Putin is known for silencing opponents with the same kind of brutality his forces are showing in Ukraine.

Blumenthal said Americans should prepare for grim news from Ukraine in the weeks ahead, but he also noted that nations noted for their neutrality, including Switzerland and Sweden, have joined actions against Russia’s aggression.

“The world is moving,” he said.

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‘Scoop Dogg’ tops contest to name snowplows

Associated Press

HARTFORD — “Scoop Dogg” and “Husky McSalty” were the top vote-getters among Connecticut residents participating in a contest to name four of the state’s snowplows.

Gov. Ned Lamont on Friday announced the winning names that will be displayed on four Connecticut Department of Transportation snowplows.

Plow names inspired by rapper Snoop Dogg and the UConn Huskies came in at first and second place. The No. 3 vote-getter was “Buzz Iceclear,” as in Buzz Lightyear, followed by “Plowzilla,” an homage to the giant movie monster.

Lamont said in a Twitter video that his history-inspired suggestion “Harriet Beecher Snow” did not make the cut. But he said he would try again next year.

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“It has been made easier to fire a police officer. It has been made extremely difficult for an officer who made a mistake, albeit serious, to rehabilitate him or herself,” Anderson said. “POST has been given even more power to bar officers from employment.

“At what point is there overkill in monitoring, disciplining or calling into question the overall character of police officers?”

“If this bill is retooled so that an officer who made a mistake on the job can have a reasonable chance to appeal a firing to POST, we would be for it. If it simply

offers a hearing with no real chance for an officer to be redeemed, then we are against it. If it puts forward an even greater ability to dismiss officers from their career, that takes years to prepare for, then we are against it.”

Rep. Greg Howard, a Republican representing Stonington and North Stonington who is also a Stonington police officer, said the bill amends current law to give another chance to officers who may be guilty only of a bad decision.

The ranking member on the public safety committee noted the wide gulf between malfeasance, which might be abuse of sick time, and criminal behaviors under “serious misconduct.”

Currently, Howard said, there’s no way for officers fired for lesser offenses to appeal decertification.

Current law says no law enforcement agency shall hire a police officer who was dismissed for malfeasance or other serious misconduct or who resigned or retired while under investigation. The law also says police departments must inform other departments and POST about officers who are terminated or quit during investigations.

The bill says POST may afford any police officer denied certification a hearing to determine whether the officer was exonerated or if the conduct at issue constituted malfeasance or serious misconduct. The bill

also allows hearings for law enforcement agencies that would otherwise be prohibited from hiring a fired officer.

But Anderson testified that the bill “adds even more stringent standards to those mandating that a police officer be barred from ever being recertified.”

Under current law, “serious misconduct” means improper or illegal actions taken by a police officer in connection with such officer’s official duties that could result in a miscarriage of justice or discrimination, including, but not limited to, (A) a conviction of a felony, (B) fabrication of evidence, (C) repeated use of excessive force, (D) acceptance of a bribe, or (E) the commis-

sion of fraud.

The senate bill includes under serious misconduct “discrimination or a gross deviation of the generally accepted standards and behavior of a police officer,” including use of physical force in a manner found to not be justifiable after an investigation; failure to intervene or stop the use of force by another police officer that was found to not be justifiable; and intimidation or harassment causing injury based upon actual or perceived protected class membership, identity or expression.

Rep. Craig Fishbein, a Republican representing Cheshire and Wallingford, noted that a House bill has the same language. Fish-

bein said the police accountability law lacks specificity in some areas, and he and Howard have been focused on filling those gaps, including adding more definitive descriptions of police misconduct and allowing an appeals process for officers denied POST certification.

State Victim Advocate Natasha M. Pierre told the public safety committee said the proposed legislation would ensure that a police officer found guilty of serious misconduct or under investigation for such conduct “will not be able to simply go to the next town” and be hired as a cop again.

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Follow the leader

These red flags prove you’re actually more persuasive, charismatic and trustworthy than you think

By Jeff Haden | Inc.

Ask anyone to describe the attributes of a great leader, and persuasiveness and charisma usually make the list. After all, great leaders are extroverted, confident and inspirational. At times, they’re able to turn a group of individuals into a real team through force of personality alone. Sound like you? If not, don’t despair. What might appear to be red flags indicating you aren’t particularly charismatic can actually be signs you’re more persuasive and influential than you think. Here are some examples.

You sometimes speak slowly, which makes you appear less confident

There’s reason behind the “fast-talking salesman” stereotype: In certain situations, talking fast works. But not always. According to a classic study published in the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, speaking faster is effective if your audience is likely to disagree with you. Yet speaking slowly is more effective if your audience is likely to agree with you. Why? If your audience is inclined to disagree, speaking faster gives them less time to form their own counterarguments; that gives you a better chance of persuading them. But when your audience is inclined to agree with you, speaking slowly gives them time to evaluate your arguments and factor in a few of their own thoughts. The combination of their initial bias, plus your reasoning, makes them more likely to help persuade themselves.

You freely admit the negatives

Think about the last time someone tried to persuade you to do — or feel — something. In all likelihood, they glossed over any potential problems, challenges or negatives. After all, why give you fuel for your devil’s advocate fire? Yet according to University of Illinois professor Daniel O’Keefe, sharing one or two opposing viewpoints is more persuasive than sticking solely to the benefits of your position. No idea is perfect, and every audience knows that. They realize there are other perspectives and potential outcomes. The people you hope to persuade are more likely to be persuaded when you share the



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other side of an argument — when you freely share potential negatives, and then describe how you will minimize or overcome those problems if they occur.

But ultimately you focus on the positive

While it’s tempting to use scare tactics, positive-outcome statements tend to be more persuasive. According to research conducted by O’Keefe, most people respond negatively to feeling pressured or forced into changing a behavior. In researcher-speak, gain-framed messages are much more persuasive than loss-framed messages. Like “Let’s work together to improve your sales” instead of “You’d better start hitting your targets.” Or “Let’s find ways to better recognize and praise your team,” not “If one more of your employees quit, we’re going to have to make a change.” Granted, effective leaders are forthright and honest, and tough love is sometimes the best approach. Yet taking the person you hope to persuade to a better place is nearly always the best way to help them change.

You don’t always jump right in

Where leadership is concerned, immediacy matters. Great leaders never wait; they

step in right away. Sometimes. According to research recently published in The Leadership Quarterly, people tend to be much less charismatic when they’re at a relatively low point in their circadian rhythm, and much more charismatic when they’re at a relatively high point. Morning people tend to be more charismatic early in the morning, while night owls tend to be more charismatic later in the day. And then there’s this: Morning people perceived a speaker to be more charismatic when they viewed a videotaped presentation in the morning. Night owls viewed the same speaker as much more charismatic when they viewed the presentation at night. When you want to inspire and motivate people, first consider your circadian rhythm. Think about the time of day you feel most energetic and enthusiastic, at least in broad terms like morning or afternoon (or early morning or late afternoon). Then think about the people you want to inspire and motivate. Then do your best to line up your tendency with theirs.

You’re a “doer,” not a talker

A 2020 study in the Journal of Business and Psychology found that, when given

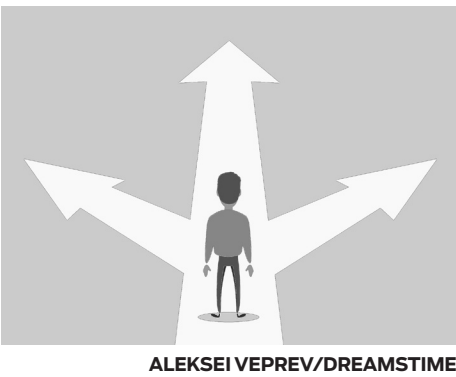
the chance, employees on in-person teams tend to choose charismatic, confident, extroverted people to be their leaders. Employees on virtual teams chose a different type of leader. They chose people great at planning, prioritizing and helping others stay on task. They chose people who got things done. You’re better at working than leading Maybe, like many people, you feel you lead more by example than by words. Maybe that makes you feel less persuasive. Maybe you’re wrong. According to a study in Industrial and Labor Relations Review, technical expertise matters a lot. As the researchers write: “The benefit of having a highly competent boss is easily the largest positive influence on a typical worker’s level of job satisfaction. Employees are far happier when they are led by people with deep expertise in the core activity of the business.” Or, in simple terms, if you can do an employee’s job, he or she is much more likely to be happy at work. And that makes them more productive and more likely to stay, rather than leave. And makes them more likely to respect and trust you. Which, ultimately, makes them much more likely to listen to you. And follow you.

Don’t regret the path not taken — it’s probably worse than you imagine

By Jessica Stillman | Inc.

Bestselling author Daniel Pink has a new book called “The Power of Regret,” in which, according to a Wall Street Journal piece by Pink, he argues: “Regret is not dangerous or abnormal. It is healthy and universal, an integral part of being human. Equally important, regret is valuable.” It is true that you can learn from regret, adjusting your life to avoid future missteps. It’s also undeniable that even if you aim for “no regrets,” being human, you will fail. But that doesn’t mean regret doesn’t feel awful, and that you should do everything you can to avoid fruitless suffering over paths not taken. Which, according to a new study in Psychological Science, a lot of us needlessly subject ourselves to. The research found people tend to idealize the choices they didn’t make. Sometimes Pink is right and the path not taken was the better bet and cause for reflection. But other times, the path not taken was

way crummier than you imagine. Telling the difference between these two possibilities can save you a lot of misery. For regrets to make sense, it must be true that you genuinely would have been better off taking the other option. Sometimes it’s easy to evaluate if this is true. If someone asks why you regret not buying bitcoin in 2018, you can just point to a graph of its rising price. But most regrets aren’t like that. They’re based on how we imagine things would have turned out had we taken a different path. This is the kind of regret where you sit and wonder if you hadn’t broken up with that college flame, or look at your mediocre meal and tell yourself, “I should have ordered the steak.” Would the steak actually have been better than the pasta? Would you and your college girlfriend have gone on to romantic bliss? The only way to answer these questions is to use your imagination. And according to a study from Dartmouth and the University of Navarra, our imagina-



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tions are pretty unreliable when it comes to evaluating options not taken. The research team asked 800 participants to choose the most attractive pair of a set of nine blurred faces. Participants then had to pick their top face, which was revealed, unblurred. The researchers then asked participants how much they regretted their choice, but with a twist: Sometimes the other, rejected finalist was also

revealed. Sometimes it remained blurred. What did this exercise reveal? “The team found that when the rejected face remained blurred, participants were more likely to report feeling regret about their choice, and also expected the face to be more attractive compared to the actual attractiveness ratings given by participants for whom it was visible. In other words, participants who never found out what the rejected face looked like overestimated its attractiveness, and this seemed to lead to feelings of regret about not choosing it,” sums up the British Psychological Society’s Research Digest blog. Before you start unwinding a regret, it’s worth considering whether it should be a regret at all. Ask yourself how you’re so sure the grass would have been greener had you gone the other way, and whether you’re taking full account of the downsides of the path not traveled. You’ll probably eliminate or reduce more than a few regrets without any other action at all.



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What to do with ‘the biggest check of your life’



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

As regular readers know, when I write about retirement planning issues I frequently consult or cite IRA expert Ed Slott and his learned associates at Ed Slott and Co.

I recently attended a two-day seminar in Orlando, Florida, sponsored by the firm. It was Slott’s first seminar before a live audience in two years, and not surprisingly it was very informative. Slott himself presented many of the topics, as did his associates Sarah Brenner, JD, and Andy Ives, CFP, AIF.

At the seminar, I was able to obtain Slott’s latest book, “The New Retirement Savings Time Bomb” (Penguin Books), which includes the latest regulations applicable to the SECURE Act. I’d like to recap some of the key highlights in the book that were covered at the seminar.

In the first part of the book, Slott answers the question of what to do with “the biggest check in your life.” He is referring to the lump-sum distribution you get when you retire or leave your employer with a sizable retirement account. When this happens, you’ll have to decide pretty quickly what to do with

it. It’s better to inform yourself well in advance so you make the right call.

Slott reviews the pros and cons of four options: a rollover to an IRA; remaining in the company plan or rolling the funds into a new employer’s plan; taking a lump sum distribution and paying the tax; and converting to a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k).

Some questions to ask yourself before making that decision include: When will you need the money? What is your tax bracket likely to be in retirement? How is your health?

Slott points out the mistakes you might make when choosing between options.

For example, in considering the rollover to an IRA, he discusses the “once-per-year” IRA rollover rule, and why you should always use trustee-to-trustee transfers to prevent potential problems. He discusses the option of using an annuity in an IRA. He points out that the distributions are tax free, and the annuity is a hedge against an unstable stock market—which seems to be the case today.

In the second part of the book, Slott discusses how to protect your retirement savings from taxation. In every part of the book, Slott emphasizes the actions you can take to minimize your taxes. He discusses required minimum distributions (RMDs) in depth and discusses how you can minimize taxes by using qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) when you are required to make RMDs.

He discusses Roth IRAs in detail, indicating who should use them and when.

He discusses the “power of life insurance.” He points out that life insurance is especially advantageous after the SECURE Act, because most beneficiaries no longer have the “stretch” option. He points out that three key estate planning objectives are larger inheritances, more post-death control and less tax.

He emphasizes that the single biggest benefit in the tax code is the income tax exemption for life insurance. In the seminar, he stated that he uses insurance that contains a long-term health care option, which is needed by most retirees.

He discusses the use of trusts in detail. He points out that the SECURE Act took away many of the advantages of using trusts with respect to IRAs. He warned that it is difficult to use trusts effectively, and you should use them only with extreme care.

In the third and final part of the book, Slott discusses “what to do when stuff happens.”

For example, what should you do if you forgot to take your RMD, over-contributed to your IRA or need to make a hardship withdrawal? In these tough situations, you need good advice, and Slott’s book provides it.

Bottom line: “The New Retirement Savings Time Bomb” is comprehensive, understandable and necessary. Get it and read it.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.



Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

5 financial tasks to handle now

This is the typically the slow season of the year for personal finances — a perfect time to get things in order. I firmly believe that if you leave financial projects undone, you are tempting fate. Here’s my starter to-do list.

Open an IRS account at ID.me. It will give you the latest info from the IRS about your tax return status, since you can’t speak to an agent.

On the homepage at www.irs.gov, you’ll find a “sign in to my account” button. If you don’t already have an account, go there anyway, then scroll down past the “reset your password” button to the small print at the bottom of the page that says “create an account.” After that, it’s easy to proceed.

Check your beneficiary designation on every single life insurance policy and retirement account. And, for that matter, check your very old pension funds that you left behind. If you forget an old retirement account, pension plan or life insurance policy, your ex-spouse could get it all!

You don’t need a lawyer to change beneficiaries. Most retirement plans allow you to make changes online. But if you’re not naming your spouse as beneficiary of your 401(k) or pension plan, be sure to ask the custodian for a spousal waiver form.

Check your credit report. You can do it for free at AnnualCreditReport.com. You don’t have to sign up for costly protective services. But read your report carefully.

You’re looking for an unrecognized account — or inquiries from a bank or credit provider. That could be a sign that someone established an identity using your credit information and Social Security number, and then opened a bank account to receive unemployment benefits by direct deposit. You wouldn’t know if they had, because they gave a different address or had documents sent to their email.

And while you’re at it, freeze your credit. You can always unfreeze it with a PIN. Once your credit is frozen, no one can use your ID to open new credit.

Consider “what if?” What if you got hit by the proverbial bus today or died suddenly as a result of a terrible accident? What if you went into a coma? Who would know how to deal with all of your stuff — and be empowered to do so?

Where are your accounts? Even worse, what are your passwords? Have you given someone you trust access to this list or your password vault in case you are unable to act for yourself?

Have you made a list of important documents: bank safe deposit box and key location; location of cemetery deed; prepaid funeral plan; military separation papers?

Start gathering this information using the Personal Financial Organizer form at TerrySavage.com. You can print out as many copies as you want — and give blank forms to friends and family.

Make or revise your will — or better yet, look into a revocable living trust. Do you have a will? If so, when did you last revisit and revise it? You’re not immortal, you know.

An estate plan is not about saving estate taxes! Estate taxes don’t kick in until you leave at least \$12 million to your heirs. A plan is about making sure your wishes to distribute your assets are followed, whether they are investments or family heirlooms.

Note: If you’re creating a revocable living trust, be sure to change title to assets like your home and accounts that are outside your IRA into the name of the trust — an easy process.

This is not a do-it-yourself project. If you make a mistake, you won’t be around to fix it by the time it’s discovered. Find an estate planning attorney by contacting your bank or using the search at findlaw.com.

And while you’re at it, make out a health-care power of attorney and give your physician a copy, along with your living will — the document that describes your wishes around end-of-life treatments.

Yes, I’m talking to you! If your spouse or elderly parent won’t discuss these issues, use the organizer form to initiate a discussion. It may be aggravating now, but it will save a lot of grief later. And that’s The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books, including “The Savage Truth on Money.” Terry responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

Why people who build smaller networks are more successful

By Jeff Haden | Inc.

“Which of the following do you think contributes the most to career or business success?” I asked the audience at a recent speaking gig, listing some of the usual suspects: intelligence, creativity, hard work, networking, talent, perseverance, leadership, execution.

The consensus? Networking, particularly the size of your network. The audience felt that how much you know is important (intelligence was ranked second), but how many people you know matters even more.

But maybe not. According to research conducted by professor Rob Cross of the University of Virginia: Traditionally, self-help books on networks focus on going out and building mammoth Rolodexes. But we’ve found that this isn’t what high-performers do. What seems to distinguish the top 20% of performers across a wide range of organizations is not so much a big network. Rather, it’s how they make connections.

They develop “open” networks. They build ties outside their specialty or field. Instead of limiting their network to people within their industry or area of interest, they branch out. Research shows

that people who build open networks earn higher salaries and get promoted more rapidly. They manage “balanced ties” across organizational lines to obtain information and influence impact. They network not just across functional lines, but also up and down hierarchical levels. They know a few CEOs. They know a few shipping clerks. As a result, they learn things others might not. They gain support others might not.

Interestingly, they gain a sense of purpose and satisfaction that implicitly leads to higher performance — we all work harder when we care. They nurture relationships that extend their abilities.

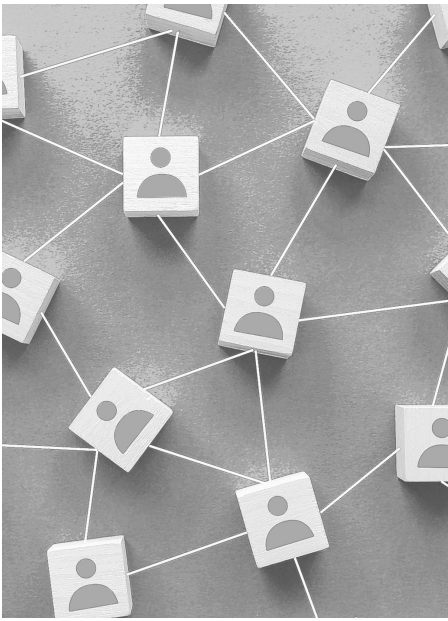
Creating five meaningful connections — five mutually-beneficial connections — is more powerful than racking up 500 surface-level connections.

So how can you develop a more open network, one based on meaningful connections?

Simple. As Ted Lasso would say, “Be curious.”

Be open to learning about other people — especially people who are different from you. Different fields. Different backgrounds. Different perspectives. Different experiences.

And then taking the time to build those



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relationships. Give, with no expectation of ever receiving. Compliment, with no accompanying request for a favor. Introduce, without expecting an introduction in return.

Check in simply because you thought of that person, not because something you need made you think of that person.

Do those things, and you’ll build stronger connections and be a lot more likely to succeed. And so will they.

Can’t beat that.

How introverts can prepare emotionally for offices reopening

SOURCE: Harvey Deutschendorf, Fast Company

There is a misconception that introverts are cold, shy, and socially awkward. That’s just not true. Introverts often do enjoy being around people, but prefer small groups of people, rather than large crowds. For introverts who are dreading a return to in-person meetings, conferences, or other office duties, here’s how to prepare.



Practice self-care

When moving back into situations that are stressful, it’s crucial to set aside adequate time to recharge and regenerate. Introverts need to reach out to support systems they have already established. It might mean exercise, meditating or other activities one finds regenerating.



Ask for what you need

In the Western world, extroversion is often regarded as the norm for success. Introverts may feel uncomfortable asking for what they need—whether that’s a hybrid work schedule, a quieter workspace, or time during the workday that’s reserved for quiet, individual work. Having a frank conversation with your manager about how you work best can go a long way to quell nerves about a return to the office, and ensure you have time to recharge.



Gradually expose yourself to new situations

Slowly exposing yourself to new situations before the actual event will help ease the transition. Perhaps you can go in to the office during a quiet time in order to get re-acclimated. Or maybe you could start by going in one or two days per week. Laying this groundwork may be helpful in alleviating the stress when the day comes when you have to return to work full-time.



Reach out to others for support

As an introvert, you may feel that you are alone and everyone else is more extroverted than you. However, a survey by Myers-Briggs discovered that 50.7% of the U.S. population is introverted and 49.3% is extroverted. That means that half of the people you work with are likely in the same situation as you. This is a group that understands what you are going through—meaning you can reach out to them for support.

OBITUARIES

Clerget, Muriel D (Webster)



Muriel Dorothy Clerget, 100 of New Britain, passed away Thursday, March 03, 2022. She was born April 18, 1921 in Hartford to the late Charles and Grace Baker Webster. She worked as an administrative clerk for Pratt and Whitney Federal Credit Union before retiring. In addition to her parents, Muriel was predeceased by her loving husband, Maxime Clerget and her daughter, Lyn Reiland. She is survived by her son, Gerald B. Clerget and his wife Linda of East Hartford; daughter, Patty C. Agnello and her husband Kenneth of New Britain; seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Funeral Services will be private and she will be laid to rest next to her husband in the Rose Hill Memorial Park. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Estrada, Margo Joan McGeary



It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that her family announces the passing of Margo Joan McGeary Estrada, 74, of Branford, Ct. from cancer. She was born in Hartford, Ct., the daughter of the late June O. and Paul J. McGeary.

Margo grew up in East Hartford and graduated from East Hartford High School and the University of Connecticut. In her early professional years she taught elementary school in inner city New Haven where she was often recognized for her creative and inventive teaching skills. She followed those years with a long and successful career pursuing her dream of becoming an interior designer. In that role she created a legacy of elegance and beauty in New York apartments, yachts and condos in Florida, a magnificent inn in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and many homes and offices throughout Connecticut. Margo's spirit and talent often transformed clients and tradespeople she worked with into treasured friends.

Margo was for many years devoted to her beloved book club and rarely missed a gathering of those dearest of friends. She also shared lifelong friendships with her college sorority sisters from Kappa Kappa Gamma.

She was a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and great aunt who leaves an indelible mark on the lives of her siblings, nieces and nephews. Two of Margo's nieces recently wrote to thank Great Auntie Margo for being "a force of joy and mischief and laughter in my life as well as being the best storyteller" and to thank her for being the "most loving and thoughtful Auntie ever." All of her family will ever hold such memories of Margo.

Her accomplishments were many, but Margo's greatest pride and joy came from raising her son Steven and becoming grandmother to Thomas Steven and Benjamin Gray.

Besides her son Steven, his wife Rebecca and grandchildren Thomas and Benjamin, Margo leaves to mourn her brother Tom McGeary and wife Mary Fran, sister Sheila D'Agostino and husband John, sister Paula Hyde, and sister Maura Lambert and husband John, as well as nieces and nephews Adam Hyde and partner Corinna, Jon Hyde and wife Jessica, Eloise D'Agostino, Ryan D'Agostino and wife Sarah, Lindsay Coluccio and husband Rhett, Elizabeth Carpenter and husband Joe, Meaghan McGeary, Maria McGeary, Maggie McGeary, Savannah Phillips, Harry Phillips and wife Susan, Jennifer Novicki and husband Alex Effgen, Tracy Novicki and husband Nick Banns, great nieces and nephews John, Bennett, Casey, Dylan, Quinn, Joey, Daisy, Devan, Sophia, Kennedy, Octavia, Arabella, Everett, Langdon and Hugo. Margo was predeceased by her nephew Michael D'Agostino.

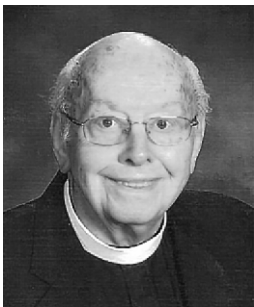
A celebration of Margo's wonderful life will be scheduled at a later date.

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Zimmerman, Jervis S.



The Rev. Canon Jervis S. (Jerry) Zimmerman died February 27 at Seabury Retirement Community in Bloomfield, CT at the age of 99; in accordance with his wishes, his body was donated to the University of Connecticut Medical School.

Ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1953, Jerry served as rector of Christ Church, West Haven (now



Church of the Holy Spirit) for 13 years. He was on the staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut from 1967 to 1983, first as director of Episcopal Social Services, Bridgeport, and later with diocesan responsibility for clergy deployment, in Hartford. Following his retirement in 1983, he served an additional 24 years as a supply priest in the diocese. His knowledge of the history and staffing of the diocese's 160 parishes was encyclopedic.

Prior to ordination to the Episcopal priesthood, Jerry ministered eight years in the Presbyterian Church in Illinois. In 1949, he came to Connecticut to be the chaplain at Norwich State Hospital. Born August 29, 1922, to Jacob and Ethel Zimmerman of Harvey, Illinois, he was the second of their two sons. He earned degrees from the University of Illinois, McCormick Theological Seminary, and the University of Chicago.

He married Eleanor (Hubbell) Zimmerman, who died in 2003, in 1951. Their children, Sarah (Sally), John and Paul survive him, along with their families, Sally's husband Allen Olsen, John's wife Marlys Jarstfer, and Paul's partner, Betty Plumley. He is survived by a grandson, Andrew Olsen, and Andrew's partner Amy Wipfler. His grandson Christopher Olsen predeceased him.

Jerry loved singing, The New Yorker, cashews, nonpareil chocolates, pancakes, roses, a daily swim, and a good laugh. He was a devoted world traveler and he and Eleanor traveled extensively across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and the U.S. In retirement, they lived in Glastonbury and Madison, CT. In 2012, Jerry published An Embattled Priest: The Life of Father Oliver Sherman Prescott, a 19th century Episcopal priest noted for having been tried four times as a heretic between 1850-1852 and the one-time rector of Jerry's first parish.

A Eucharist in celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Jervis Zimmerman will take place at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford at 11:00 AM, Saturday, March 12. In keeping with Cathedral COVID protocols no food or refreshments will be served. Participants should be feeling healthy and be fever-free. Facemasks or cloth coverings must be worn always by everyone and will be available for walk-ins. Parking is available on the streets and at the MAT Garage, 55 Chapel Street South. MAT parking tickets will be validated at the Cathedral.

Gifts in Rev. Zimmerman's memory may be made to the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, at <https://simministry.org/>, or The Society for the Increase of the Ministry P.O. Box 21557 New York, NY 10087-1557.

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Mancini, Michael



MICHAEL MANCINI

"Loving husband, son and brother"

Michael Mancini, 47, of Wolcott, CT passed away on March 4th, 2022 after a long and courageous battle with Colorectal Cancer.

Michael was born August 16, 1974 in Waterbury, a son of Antonio Mancini and the late Margaret (Perezzezza) Mancini. Michael graduated from The University of Connecticut in 1996 and was a 24+ year employee in Corporate America. After his diagnosis he became an advocacy champion and served as an Ambassador for FightCRC. He was the Vice President of BLUEM, and he worked as a consultant with pharmaceutical companies such as Bayer, Pfizer and Blue Note Therapeutics to improve outcomes for patients with Young Onset Colorectal Cancer. Michael was an influential leader in the Colorectal cancer community and along with many other recognitions for his work, he received The John MacLeod COURAGE award at the 2021 PGA Cologuard Classic Golf Tournament. Michael was a Huge UCONN fan. He loved Bowling and Golfing, was an avid hockey player, and spent a lot of time outdoors skiing and hiking and loved nothing more than being with his friends who became family. He will be remembered for his bright smile, his leadership and commitment to always helping others succeed, and his unending ability to live through difficult circumstances. He was a Hero to all of those who had the privilege to love him.

He leaves behind his beloved Carole of Wolcott, his father Anthonio Mancini of Wolcott, a brother Anthony (Rosann) Mancini, niece Gabriella and nephew Joseph of Longmeadow, Mass., and many uncles, aunts, cousins, dear friends and his buddy INDY. He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret "Peggy" (Perezzezza) Mancini, and his paternal grandparents Mennato and Pasqualina Mancini and Maternal Grandparents Rocco and Louise Perezzezza.

Arrangements: Funeral Services for Michael will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Chase Parkway Memorial/Albini Family Funeral Home, 430 Chase Parkway. Inurnment will follow at Calvary Queen of Peace Mausoleum. Calling hours Friday, March 11, 2022 from 4 to 7 pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, Michael asks that donations be made to THE MICHAEL MANCINI HERO FUND through FIGHT CRC. LINK: <https://funraise.org/give/Fight-Colorectal-Cancer/c6450b8c-1e19-480f-987c-fb57d2c55fa6/?fbclid=IwAR3F6dD4J21ZqtWYsTLgYVU-F05Qy81GgCdxczTRSc-UxRrfeJD81ZUvoks> Michael also requests everyone attending the services to DRESS in BLUE in his honor to support those whom are Fighting Young Onset Colorectal Cancer.

For more info or to send e-condolences visit: www.chaseparkwaymemorial.com

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Zurinkas, Reginald Edward



Reginald Edward Zurinkas, 84, of Simsbury, CT passed away peacefully on February 28, 2022. He was the loving husband of the late Jane (Green) Zurinkas for fifty-five years. Reginald "Reg" was born on August 25, 1937, in Danbury, Connecticut and was the son of the late Frank and Isabella Zurinkas. Reg surprised his parents by arriving early with his "mirror"



identical twin brother Ronald; "Ron" being the righty and Reg the lefty. Weighing just over three pounds, doctors offered little hope, but they survived and flourished in a homemade incubator made by their father and with mineral oil baths given by their mother. Perseverance was built into Reg's identity at an early age.

Reg attended Danbury High School where he captained the golf team and was the "water boy" for the football team. He attended Villanova University where he majored in economics, was a member of the varsity golf team (with his brother Ron), and the Delta Pi Epsilon fraternity as pledge master. After graduating, he was a member of the Connecticut National Guard. Reg was dedicated to his role as a regional sales manager for the General Electric Company for thirty-seven years. In his retirement, he worked for Marathon Motors as a manufacturer's representative.

If you knew Reg, you knew that the two loves of his life were his wife Jane, and golf. We hope it was in that order. His initial passion for the game of golf started as a caddy and when he lost his twin brother Ron in a tragic car accident, Reg found healing on the golf course and through his unwavering Catholic faith. He was a loyal parishioner of Saint Mary's Church in Simsbury for fifty years.

His many golfing accomplishments included being a consistent low handicapper, holding the course record of 66 at The Ridgewood Country Club in Danbury Connecticut, winning countless tournaments at his beloved Simsbury Farms, and winning the Connecticut State Senior Championship. He also qualified for the Connecticut Open once by acing his last hole. Reg loved participating in tournament golf throughout the state. He was committed to learning the rules of the game and became a Rules Official. He held board positions with the Connecticut State Golf Association and Simsbury Farms Men's Club and was inducted into both the Danbury Athletic Hall of Fame and the Simsbury Farms Men's Club Hall of Fame.

Reg, Reggie, Grandad, or Grants was a devout spectator of his grandchildren's many sports. He was a die-hard fan of the Patriots, Red Sox, and Villanova men's basketball and UConn women's basketball teams. A fervent viewer of Jeopardy, Reg was also a snappy dresser who loved wearing madras and saddle shoes. In his spare time, he created and built a family favorite Christmas train village.

In addition to his parents Reg is preceded in death by his beloved wife Jane and his two brothers, Ronald, and Robert Zurinkas. Reg is survived by his three children, Ronald Zurinkas and his wife Jenny of Charlotte, NC; Lauren Rosenfeld and her husband Daniel of Avon, CT; and Leslie Mather and her husband Todd of Avon, CT. Grandad will be deeply missed by his beloved grandchildren, Quinton, Reid, Jack, Samantha, Hannah, and Julian. Reg was especially grateful for the bond he had with his nephew, Brian Green.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday March 7th at St. Mary's Church, 942 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury CT. Burial will follow in the Simsbury Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury. Memorial donations can be made to the Friends of Simsbury Farms, P.O. Box 992, Simsbury, CT 06070. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Reg's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Moran, Patricia A.



Patricia Ann Moran, ACSW and LICSW of Marlborough, Massachusetts passed away on February 25, just 4 days short of her 80th Birthday. "Trish" or "Auntie" as her family affectionately called her, was born in Hartford, CT on March 1, 1942 to John Francis Moran and Helen Riley Moran, and was raised in West Hartford with her younger brother and sister. Trish graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy in 1960 and from the College of New Rochelle with a degree in Sociology in 1964. She was the first college graduate in her family. During college, she worked for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Hartford helping out at the residential facility. After college graduation, Trish entered the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Convent in Peekskill, NY. The Good Shepherd mission is to reconcile and heal children who are most in need of God's help. While in the convent, she furthered her education earning her masters degree and licensure as a social worker. She continued to live and work the Good Shepherd mission in Peekskill, NY, Hartford, CT and Marlborough, MA. In 1984, Trish left the convent and continued her mission at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and at Wayside Youth & Family Support Network. Trish also contributed to the writing of Slayer of the Soul, a book about child sexual abuse and the Catholic Church. Trish was an active and integral member of the St. Anne's Church community in Southborough, MA. In 1991, Trish adopted her daughter, Linda, who was a blessing to her. Trish was an avid and loyal sports fan with a special love for the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. She was a skilled seamstress, a master knitter and an excellent cook. She loved hosting her family for the Easter holiday. She was a voracious reader and loved sunny days in Clinton or Groton Long Point, CT. Trish is survived by her sister, Susan M. Blair of Wethersfield, CT and her brother, John F. Moran of Sherbrooke, Quebec, her daughter Linda Cook of Leicester, MA, along with her grandchildren Sara and Daniel. She is predeceased by her grandson Seth. She leaves her 6 nieces and nephews who were very special to her: Geraldine Moran, Kathleen Powers, Stefan Moran, John Blair, Brendan Blair and Courtney Larkin. She also leaves her beloved cousin Carroll Moran Fingar and devoted friends Mary Margaret Brady, Sister Virginia Daniels and Phyllis Timmins. We are deeply grateful for the care Trish received at Jerome Home after suffering a traumatic brain injury in 2018. Funeral services were private. A public memorial service will be held on March 8, 2022 at 11AM in the Chapel of Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Ave. West Hartford, CT 06107. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory to Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center or Jerome Home, 975 Corbin Ave. New Britain, CT 06052. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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Perkins, Carlton "Marty"



Carlton Martin "Marty" Perkins, 81, of Windsor, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 4, 2022.

Marty was born in Hartford, the son of the late F. Carlton and Williamina (Martin) Perkins. Marty graduated from Windsor High School, received his Associate's Degree, and went to work for Travelers Insurance Company. While there, Marty was drafted and served his



country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco, CA. Marty returned to Connecticut and to Travelers, where he was employed as a Supervisor/Data Processor, retiring after many years of service. In his retirement, he took care of the Ice-Skating rink and mowed the lawn at The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor.

Marty was a loving son, nephew, cousin, and dear friend. He will be remembered as a man who was giving, caring, and appreciated the simple things in life. Marty was extremely dedicated to taking care of his mother after his father passed in the 80s, which he did faithfully, with dignity and humor, in their family home until the day she passed. He was a true Scotsman who was very opinionated and set in his ways; and was a faithful and wonderful friend who would do anything for anyone. Marty loved the Yankees and every Spring he would travel to Florida for their Spring Training; and he also enjoyed watching them play in New York. He loved spending summer vacations in Castine, ME, where they had a small family cabin on the beach, and he enjoyed taking his sailboat out on the ocean and visiting with family. Marty will also be remembered for his great sense of humor and how he enjoyed spending time with his good friends.

One of Marty's greatest joys and personal accomplishments was being a member of the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department. Marty was well respected in the community and had a great reputation as a Volunteer Firefighter. He never hesitated to take the necessary risks that his job entailed and believed in duty and service to the community of Windsor. Marty was a trained firefighter, drove the fire trucks, trained new volunteers, and was an all-around wealth of knowledge and a resource for the entire fire department. He served as a Captain and Treasurer, marched in the parades, and participated in the annual Christmas Tree Drive. There was nothing Marty would not do for his fellow firefighters and the people of the community he served. After he retired, his role became more administrative and he kept the fire department running like a well-oiled machine, always making sure they had the right supplies, equipment, and maintained a positive presence in the community. Marty will truly be missed by all his brother firefighters.

Marty is survived by his cousins, Ann Lovely, Bruce Mortimer, Frances Clark, Robert Clark, Jr., John Clark, Andrea Perkins Dyer, Chris Perkins, and Ted Perkins; his close friends who were like family to him, Donna Hall, Lee Wilbur, Mona Fitzgerald, Francis Marks, Kevin Walsh, and Jay Bianchi; his close "brothers" at the fire station; other extended family on his mother's side; and dear friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his uncles, Alan and Glenn Perkins; aunts, Doris Lovely, Anita Mortimer, and Mary Emma Clark; and his cousins, Sally Phillips and Jean Kearns.

Marty's family would like to thank his beloved caregiver, Bogumila "Mila" Novak, who treated him like family and was with him when he passed.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, March 10, 12 p.m., at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial, with Military Honors and Fire Department Honors, will follow at Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Windsor Fire Company, PO Box 128, Windsor, CT 06095. To read the full obituary or leave a condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Johnson, Geraldine



Quaker Hill-Gerry passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family at her home in Quaker Hill CT on Friday, January 7, 2022.

Gerry was born to the late George and Florence Subisky, in Manchester, CT. She was raised in East Hartford, CT, then spent most of her life residing in Mystic and Niantic

CT. Besides her parents, Gerry was predeceased by her true love, husband and Marine Veteran Lou Reis and her sisters Jean Russell and Mary Pumiglia.

Gerry leaves behind daughters Judith Constantine, Kristine Napora and sons Eric, Carl and Lars, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, plus many other dear friends.

Gerry was a homemaker who would bake and cook just about everything and as a seamstress, would make dresses, shirts, pants and knitted sweaters, mittens and socks.

Gerry was not afraid to swing a hammer or make saw dust while building houses or maintaining her rental properties for over fifty years.

Gerry was a world traveler, visiting Guatemala and Mexico many times as well as European and Middle Eastern countries. It was on a trip with family to Europe that we affectionately named her Mumsy.

Gerry was an avid reader and was active in both the Groton Public Library and Mystic-Noank Library. Active in the Friends of the Groton Library, she subsequently helped organize the Friends of the MNL in 1979. Mysticnoanklibrary.org. She was also active with the poetry group, A Letter Among Friends.

Gerry loved cats and supported the efforts of Friends of Feral Felines, Inc. PO Box 791 East Lyme Ct 06333 and Kitty Harbor 2263 Glasgo Rd, Griswold, CT 06351. Gerry was a sailboat sailor who often sailed with the late Gretchen Hammerstein, former director of the Groton Public Library. She was excited about the sailing adventures of family members in Fishers Island Sound involving the Anderson Island Irregulars, a Mystic Seaport based sailing club. Anderson Island Irregulars PO Box 674 Mystic, CT 06355. Donations in Gerry's memory to these organizations would please her greatly.

Special thanks to aides Jane and Marjean for assisting in Gerry's comfort and care.

Gerry's ashes will be interred with her true love Lou Reis at the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown CT on March 21, 2022 at 1pm.

Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Homes in New London, Connecticut are in charge of arrangements.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at neilanfuneralhome.com for the Johnson family.

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Koman, George



George Koman, 92, of Boynton Beach, FL and formerly of Hebron and Hartford, beloved husband of the late Marta (Cortezon) Koman, died Monday, December 13, 2021. He was born in Hartford, son of the late Alexander and Tessie Koman he was raised in Hartford and lived in Hebron before moving to Boynton Beach, FL. He is survived by

cousins, Mary Kowalski of Seneca, SC, Helen Maslocka of Waltham, MA, and Michael Maslocka of Greencastle, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 10 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield with burial next to his wife Marta in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. The Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is caring for the arrangements. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Poulin, Roland "Gus" E.



Roland "Gus" E. Poulin, 88, of East Hartford, loving husband for 57 years to Elizabeth "Betty" (O'Brien) Poulin, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, after an extended illness. Roland was born on July 14, 1933, in Sidney, Maine, one of eleven children of the late Fortunate and Julia Poulin. He was raised in Waterville and Clinton

Maine, graduating from Clinton High School. Roland was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force proudly serving his country during the Korean War. He was employed for over 32 years as a Machinist with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft until his retirement in 1993. Roland was a Parishioner of St. Edward Campion Parish, St. Christopher Church in East Hartford.

Above all else, Roland loved his family and never missed an opportunity to express that. He was a gentle and kind soul who was always the first to offer a helping hand and genuinely enjoyed doing so. He enjoyed working in his yard and took great pride in keeping it pristine. He loved UCONN basketball, faithfully watched every game and would talk basketball to anyone he could engage. He was very social, a great friend, could strike up a conversation with anyone and was loved and appreciated more than he could have ever imagined. He will be sorely missed.

In addition to his loving wife Betty, he is survived by his three children, Catherine Madore (Gregg), David Poulin (Laurie) and MaryEllen Schubach (David), his four cherished grandchildren, Matthew Madore, Katie Madore, Harrison Schubach and Aidan Schubach. Roland also leaves his two sisters, Rita Rediker and her husband Archie, and Elaine Gurney, his sisters-in-law Ellen (Peter) Albert, and Kathleen Tesi, and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. He was predeceased by eight siblings, Wallace Poulin, Evelyn Myshrail, Jeannette Gross, Norman Poulin, Fernand Poulin, Richard Poulin, Olivette Zierninski, and Walter Poulin.

A time of visitation for family and friends will be at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road in South Windsor on Friday, March 11, 2022, from 4-6 pm with a Prayer Service to follow at 6 pm. Burial with Military Honors will be private in Silver Lane Cemetery, East Hartford. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/research_progress To leave an online condolence please visit: www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Gaudet, Lorraine



With profound sadness - but gratitude for the long life she lived - we share the news of the passing of our beautiful and remarkable mother, Lorraine C. Gaudet, 94, of Wethersfield, CT. Mom was raised in Memramcook, New Brunswick, Canada and immigrated to Connecticut in 1950 to marry Dad and raise her family. She was loved by

many - her husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, friends, and the friends of her children, many of whom she and Dad welcomed into their home and took under their wings. Mom was a woman of many talents and hobbies who lived a full and active life until her death. She was smart, clever, resourceful, resilient, had a sharp wit, and was completely devoted to her family. She loved to play card games and oftentimes won, much to her delight!

Lorraine survived the death of her eldest son, Michael R. Gaudet, and her husband of 68 years, Lorenzo Gaudet, with grace, dignity and fortitude. She leaves behind her beloved children: Ronald "Ron" J. Gaudet (Suzette), Deborah "Debbie" A. Gaudet (Peter and Winter Torres), and Gary F. Gaudet (Lynzey), "adopted" son, Justin DeNino; six cherished grandchildren: Charles "Chuck" Cormier, Ryan Gaudet (Emely), Nicole Butcher (Tim), Jessica Deaver (Ruben Ortega), Lorenzo Gaudet (Danielle Lallier) and Nico Gaudet; precious great grandchildren: Amelia Butcher and Kaitlyn Ferro; adored sister, Lucille Mercier; special sisters-in-law: Jeannita Savoie (Leo-Paul) and Rosella Gaudet (Georgio); brothers-in law: Leo Gaudet (Suzanne) and Adrien Gaudet (Pauline); treasured godchild, Muriel LeBlanc; close lifelong friend Mary Sirois and dear friend Ginger Schweter. Lorraine was predeceased by her parents, Adia and Jeanne Cormier; sisters: Victorine Melanson, Angela LeBlanc, and Bernadette Melanson; and brothers: Gerard Cormier and Ronald Cormier.

The family is extremely grateful to Dr. Rawad Elias and Mom's care team: Anona, Joyce, and Shaun. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Brooklawn Funeral Home, Rocky Hill, CT. A funeral mass will be held on March 17 at 11am at the Church of Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or Hartford Hospital Cancer Institute. For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com.

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Palmer, Mary B.(Spranzo)



Mary B. (Spranzo) Palmer, 97, of Berlin, died peacefully on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain after a short illness. She was the widow of Julius "Jiggs" Palmer Sr.

Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Angelina Spranzo. Mary was a New Britain resident before moving to Berlin in 1987. She retired from Fafnir Bearing Co. and later worked part-time at J.C. Penny. She was a member of St. Paul Church and the Elks Lodge. Mary enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved spending time with her family and friends and many trips to the beach. She will be missed for her wit, good food, generosity and loving care.

Surviving are her son, Julius "Jags" Palmer Jr. and his wife Lorraine; two grandchildren, Robin Merris and her husband Dan of Long Island, Jason Palmer and his wife Sarah of Kensington; five great-grandchildren, Hudson, Chase, Harlow, Carson, and Haisley. She is also survived by three sisters, Lucy Agostinucci of New Britian, Elsie Pagliaro of Newington, and Betty Ann Cavanaugh of Newington, who she talked to every day; her beloved friends, Anne Thibodeau and Michael McDougall; and by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews. Besides her husband and parents, Mary was predeceased by two brothers, Albert Spranzo and Ralph Spranzo, and two sisters, Eva Carlino and Millie Spranzo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 11:30 AM at St. Paul Church in Kensington. Burial will be in the State Veterans Cemetery at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home, New Britain, is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory of Mary with the family in the online guest book @ www.ericksonhansen.com

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Wirsul, Lucy (Woodford)



Lucy Woodford Wirsul, 91, died March 2, 2022. Born May 24, 1930 in Hartford, daughter of the late Harold and Gertrude Morey Woodford, she was a lifelong Bloomfield resident. She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Walter C. Wirsul; they were both 1948 graduates of Bloomfield High School. She is survived by three children:

Nancy Kramer (Kurt) of Gettysburg, PA; Robert Wirsul (Beth) of Andover, VT; and James Wirsul of Bloomfield; a sister, Esther Olson of Cromwell, CT; two grandchildren, Jacqueline Kramer (Eric Bohnenblust) of Leesburg, VA; and Andrew Kramer (Emily) of Millburn, NJ; also four great grandchildren, Charlotte and Hunter, Matthew and Adam.

She graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1952 in one of its first early childhood education majors. She was a member of the Home Economics Honor Society and Pi Beta Phi sorority. Later she earned a master of education degree from the University of Hartford in 1984. She taught at J. P. Vincent School for four years then opened her own nursery school day camp for 18 summers on the Woodford family farm. As a member of Bloomfield's First Congregational Church she founded the church's nursery school in 1960 and served as its director and head teacher for 29 years. The program grew from part time morning sessions into a full day child development center. Over the years she taught thousands of children and positively influenced their families.

She served in many volunteer roles including the church's building and pastoral search committees, deacon, Christian education director, Sunday school teacher and youth group leader. She also volunteered in leadership roles for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and was a director of the Mountain View Cemetery. She was a member of the Wintonbury Historical Society and served as the president of the Latimer Hill Cemetery Association. She authored or co-authored several historical texts, including "The History of Latimer Hill Cemetery," and "Images of America, Bloomfield."

A service of celebration for Lucy's life will be held on Saturday, August 27 at 3pm at the First Congregational Church, 10 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002. In lieu of flowers donations in Lucy's memory may be made to: Bloomfield Congregational Child Development Center at the above address.

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Bourque, Bernadette



On Saturday, February 26, 2022, we lost a great woman who we held close to our hearts, Bernadette (Bolduc) Bourque. Bernadette was just two weeks shy of her 98th birthday, she was born on March 12, 1924, in Saint Como Beauce Quebec Canada. She was the daughter of Wilfred Bolduc and Clara (Roberge) Bolduc and later became a

mother of six children that she had to fight for at one time or another, always believing in them, and supporting them as they worked towards each of their own successes. She took great pride and admiration for all that her children and grandchildren have gone on to accomplish, each success a testament to the wonderful woman she was. An accomplished cook and home-maker, each member of her family was so fortunate to get to sit at her table and enjoy one of her great home cook meals! Cooking and baking were the ways she was able to truly express her love to her family. She will be missed greatly by her daughter Helene, who cared for Bernadette for many years and was by her side when she crossed over and was able to be rejoined with her beloved husband Real.

Bernadette is survived by her children Helene Crispino and her husband Alec of Manchester, CT, Ray Bourque and his wife Vicki of Virginia, Pierre Bourque and his wife Renate of Oregon, Christiane Oszurek and her husband Richard of Texas, Andre Bourque and his wife Joan of Tennessee, and daughter-in-law Laura Bourque of Tolland, CT; and all of her loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, and all her nieces and nephews of Quebec, Canada. She was predeceased by her husband Real Bourque and son John Bourque.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at a later date. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Hannum, Loretta O (O'Meara)



On February 24, 2022, Loretta (O'Meara) Hannum of East Hartford, passed peacefully in her sleep. She leaves behind 2 daughters, Cheryl DePrest (Bruce DePrest) of Wethersfield, CT and Kristin Hayes (Chris Hayes) of Dublin, OH, 3 grandchildren, Shannon McGinnis (daughter of Tom McGinnis), Connor Hayes and Devin Hayes, and many life-

long friends (you know who you are). She was pre-deceased by her husband of 56 years, Samuel Hannum, her sister Marjorie Taylor and brother Bill O'Meara.

A private memorial is planned and her ashes will be spread by her family at a later date. She chose to be cremated because it was her last chance to have a smoking hot body. (It will come as no surprise to anyone who actually knew her that she made us promise to include that last statement.)

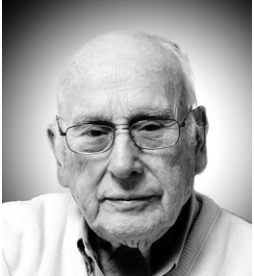
Born August 20, 1939 to a feisty, French-Canadian mother and, artistic, laid-back Irish-American father, she inherited the best of each. She was funny, patient, thoughtful, crafty & athletic. She was a hugger, problem-solver, prank-player, party-thrower and a hoarder of sneakers. Some Moms are fancy, but Rett was more at home on a ball field than in a ball gown. She was one hell of a first base player for many, many years and, after hanging up her glove, decided to pick up martial arts in her 50s, reaching the rank of brown belt. One thing she was extremely proud of was watching women leave her self-defense classes with confidence.

She was the "neighborhood mom" when the girls were young and then went back to work. She spent 25 years at the EH Parks & Rec department, traveling between parks in the summer, developing new programs & tackling any challenge she was presented with. She also worked as a security guard in the middle school for many years, helping kids, defusing fights with her humor when possible, and using her martial arts moves when it wasn't. She was pretty badass.

She told us often that she had a good life and her greatest joy was making others smile. She remembered every joke she ever heard (most of them naughty) and was a born storyteller. Her stories will be missed.

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Jurras, Mark Ivan



Mark Ivan Jurras, Jr., 97, of Canton, husband of the late Elizabeth (Abernethy) Jurras, died peacefully Monday, February 28, 2022 at his home. He was born May 4, 1924 in Montpelier, VT, son of the late Mark and Edith (Foster) Jurras and had lived in West Simsbury prior to moving to Canton 26 years ago. Mark was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army having

served in World War II, ROTC, and the Army Reserves. He was a graduate of the University of Vermont, Class of 1949 and received his MBA from Drury College. Mr. Jurras was the Vice President of Employee Relations for Stanadyne, Inc. for many years prior to his retirement. He thoroughly enjoyed his career. He was previously employed with Singer, Friden, Royal, Connecticut General, Jones Brothers Granite Company, and Blakely Drug Store. He was mentor to countless employees, many of whom became dear friends.

Mark enjoyed playing Bridge and traveling the world, as well as putting in his basement full of every gadget known to man. A proud American, he wrote his wartime memoir, One Man's Journey Through War and Peace. He championed his children and grandchildren relishing and bragging about their every achievement. He loved people and lived a life of gratitude and generosity. He could charm the socks off anybody and was always planning the next party. In later years, he called himself "the Old Goat." In reality, he was the G.O.A.T, the Greatest of All Time.

He is survived by his three children, Mark Jurras, III, and his wife Susan of Canton, Amy Davenport and husband Andrew of Weatogue, and Susan Piatt of Tucson, AZ; his grandchildren, Elias Davenport and wife Connie, Lily Davenport, Georgia Piatt, Miranda Jurras and Mark Jurras, IV. He was predeceased by his brother, Max Jurras.

The family cannot thank Rose Agyapong enough for her love and care for our father. She never forgot his personhood. They had a truly special relationship. There will be a private celebration of Mark's life at a later date.

Donations in his memory may be made to McLean Hospice 75 Great Pond Rd, Simsbury, CT 06070, or the charity of your choice.

Please visit Mark's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

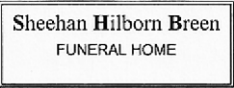
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Adams, Janice Ellen



Janice Ellen Adams, 63, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 18, 2022 after a brief illness. Janice was born in Reading, PA, and later moved with her family to Connecticut in 1964. She attended West Hartford Public Schools where she graduated from Conard High School and later from The Morse School of Business. After graduating from business school, she held various office bookkeeping jobs, and in the summers managed a motel in New Hampshire. Janice leaves her mother Rosemarie Adams, of West Hartford, her brothers Jeffrey and his wife Mary, of Toms River, NJ, and James and his wife Vivian, of West Hartford. She also leaves her nieces Elizabeth, Marisa and Madelyn, and her nephews Kevin Zsamba and Jesse Wohlberg as well as many dear friends. She was predeceased by her father, John M. Adams, and her brother John E. Adams. There are no calling hours. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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Clark, Marilyn L. Koch



Marilyn L. Koch Clark, 82, of South Windsor beloved mother and nana died peacefully on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Brookdale of South Windsor. Born on July 17, 1939, in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, she was daughter to the late Lester and Hazel (Tighe) Clark. She grew up in Avon, CT and was a graduate of Canton High School. She went on to graduate from Endicott College and the University of Hartford. Marilyn worked as a Human Resources Manager for many years. She enjoyed knitting, reading, gardening, Zumba, line dancing, and traveling. Always an animal lover, in her retirement she started a pet sitting business in which she finally realized her passion. Some of her most cherished memories included spending time with her family in which she was able to prepare wonderful meals including her world-famous lasagna. She loved taking care of her grandchildren, treating them to movie dates, nature walks, and indulging them with fudgesicles. She leaves her daughters, Laurie Bakas and her husband Andrew of South Windsor, and Stephanie Smith and her husband Andrew of South Windsor, her grandchildren, Tyler Smith, Bryan Bakas, Kaitlin Bakas, Jessica Smith, and Connor Smith. She was predeceased by her brother, Lester Clark. Her family will receive friends on Sunday, March 13, 2022, from 2-4 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer' Association and/or ASPCA. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Joeckel , Klaus



Klaus Joeckel was born to the late Arthur and Else Jöckel, an accountant and a homemaker, in Pirmasens, Germany on October 29, 1936. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1968 naturalizing in 1975. He was an active member of his church and very devoted to the Catholic religion. Klaus was a master pastry chef educated in his homeland. He and his wife owned a European pastry shop in Avon for many years. Klaus was blessed with a loving family. He was married to his true love, Teresa Martinez, for 52 years. Klaus helped to raise his two children with a lot of discipline, patience, humility and love. They spent many weekends hiking and going on various day trips exploring the New England parks and trails. Anyone who knew Klaus was touched by his kindness, humor and easygoing nature. He was truly a peaceful man. He will be missed dearly by his loved ones. Klaus is survived by his wife, Teresa; his son Robert Joeckel; daughter-in-law Nicola Joeckel; grandchildren Callum and Emilia; daughter Claudia Walsh; son-in-law Paul Walsh; and sister Edith Young. He was predeceased by his sister Inge Schmitz; and his brother Hans Joeckel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, March 12th, 2022 at 11:00am in the Church of St. Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon followed by burial in St. Ann Cemetery, Avon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 280285, East Hartford, CT 06128 or to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4b, Southington, CT 06489. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Lawry, William R.



William "Bill" Robert Lawry, 79, of Granby, beloved husband of Virginia (Oatley) Lawry, died Thursday, March 3, 2022 at home. He was born December 7, 1942 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, son of the late William Walter and Mary Elizabeth (Barrall) Lawry and had lived in Simsbury for 39 years prior to moving to Granby four years ago. He was a graduate of Lycoming College, Williamsport PA, and University of Rhode Island. Bill was an executive recruiter, having owned and operated W.R. Lawry, Inc. for many years. He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Simsbury, where he sang in the choir and was also part of the Tapestry Singers of Trinity Episcopal Church in Tariffville. He was a member of the American Society of Quality Control, the Farmington Valley Hikers Club and the "hiker/biker boys." Bill enjoyed talking and making new friends wherever he went. He loved his family and was a champion grandfather. In addition to his wife of almost 56 years, he is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Lawry Tedder (Roy) of Simsbury, Meredith Lawry Hoydilla (Will Lassiter) of Ashburn, VA and his son, Jonathan Oatley Lawry (Maggie) of Simsbury. He will be dearly missed his grandchildren, Elizabeth and Nicholas Hoydilla, Cameron and Owen Lawry and William and Madelyn Tedder. Bill also leaves his sisters, Jane Lawry Jones (Jim) of Glenrock, NJ, Mary Lou Lawry Serafini (Jim) of Wilkes-Barre, PA and and several nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, March 12th at 1:00 PM in Palmer Hall at First Church of Christ, 689 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury. Donations in his memory may be made to: Lycoming College, 1 College Place, Williamsport, PA 17701-5192. Please visit Bill's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Macaulay, Dr. William P.



Dr. William "Bill" P. Macaulay, 88, passed away on February 13, with his devoted wife Inge by his bedside. Born in Teaneck, NJ to Dr. F.A. Macaulay and Florence Macaulay in 1934, Bill was proudly of Scottish and German descent. After attending Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, he attended medical school at McGill University in Montreal, Canada and received further medical training at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. Drafted into the U.S. Army under the Berry Plan, Bill was sent to Heidelberg, Germany to work in the Army Hospital as a general surgeon. He loved working at the hospital, and performed over 1000 cases during his three years in Heidelberg. For his commitment to his work and dedication to his patients, Dr. Macaulay was recognized by the Army with an award for his services. While stationed in Germany, Bill met and married his wife Ingeborg in 1966. The Macaulays moved to the U.S. in the late 1960's, and Bill started his practice as a general surgeon. Dedicated to his patients, community, and mentoring the next generation of practitioners, Bill loved being a physician. Bill trained young surgeons at Hartford Hospital. After retiring from practice, Bill continued teaching at the University of Connecticut. Bill was a happy man who loved life, the arts - ballet, opera, and theater, and enjoyed the company of family and friends. Bill had a wonderful sense of humor and truly lived life by his favorite Latin quote: Carpe Diem - Seize the Day! Thanks to Dr. Robert Dicks, Bill's personal physician from Hartford Hospital, for the wonderful care, and to the dedicated nurses and nursing aids at Brookdale-Chatfield who work so hard for their patients, with a special thanks to Avis Spencer who took excellent care of Bill.

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Montefusco, Mattia C.



Mattia C. Montefusco of Windsor Locks, beloved husband of Lynda A. Montefusco, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family and friends on February 18, 2022. Born in Springfield and the youngest of 12 children, Mat grew up in the South End where he and his friends got into endless trouble and forged lifelong friendships. Mat was a food and beverage manager at several local establishments before opening his own restaurant "Mattie's Place" in Windsor. Mat later worked for Federal Express as a senior courier and, not one to retire, later worked tirelessly at Sacred Heart Church in Suffield removing pesky fingerprints on the glass windows and doors. Besides his loving wife Lynda, he is survived by his daughter Debra Cass and her husband Andrew; his son Carl Montefusco and his wife Laura; his devoted niece, Melissa; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews; his best friend, Mike Froschino who never left Mat's side after he became ill; his close friend Doug Viets ("Houston we have a problem!"); and many friends who were like family. Mat was loved by all who knew him, always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell, but most of all Mat was known for his love and devotion to his wife Lynda, whom he adored. A memorial Mass will be held on Friday March 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Road, Suffield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mat's honor to: Smilow Cancer Center/Yale New Haven Health (www.givetoynhh.org). Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home has care of arrangements. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Connery, Ellen A.



Ellen A. (Annunziato) Connery, 92, of Newington, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2022. She was born on October 10, 1929 to Louise Jassil and Nemesio Annunziato. Ellen was predeceased by her husband Edward, her brothers Lew and Emil, and Sister-in-law, Janet. Ellen is survived by her children and their spouses, Lyn Connery and Peter Boorman, Carol and Felix Sarubbi, James Connery, and Holly and Gerry Davies. She was so proud of her ten grandchildren and their partners, and grateful to spend time with her five great grandchildren. Ellen graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and Adelphi University. After graduating, she worked in New York City commuting by train. She learned to play bridge at work and honed her skills on the train. Bridge was a hobby she enjoyed for years with friends. Ellen married Ed and lived in Florida for a few years, where Lyn was born. The family returned to Connecticut to be near her loving mother, Mimi. Ed and Ellen raised their family in a close knit neighborhood on Knollwood Rd., where Ellen had lifelong friends. Ellen worked in Ambulatory Services at Newington Children's Hospital and was very active in the Retiree's Group. Ellen was a kind, loving, generous, funny wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She taught us laughter and how to grow old. Ellen will be missed and forever loved. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 626 Willard Ave., Newington. She will be laid to rest privately with her husband. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington is serving her family. In lieu of flowers, Ellen requested contributions be made to Lucy Robbins Wells Library, 95 Cedar St., Newington, CT 06111. To share a memory, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Massi, Gloria M.



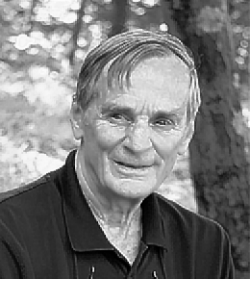
Gloria Marie Massi, 83, of Farmington, widow of Siberio "Sebby" R. Massi, passed away unexpectedly at home on Thursday, March 3, 2022. Born in New Britain, she was a former resident of Plainville, where she raised her children, before moving to Farmington in 1986. Gloria was a loving mother and wife who cherished her family. She worked as the office administrator for many years in the family business, P&M Mason Contractors. Her whole life was dedicated to her husband, children and grandchildren. Nothing gave her more pleasure than being surrounded by her immediate family, her extended family and her many friends. She found great pleasure in cooking, entertaining, spending her weekends in Old Lyme with family and friends, and traveling to her home in Italy. Gloria was also a member of St. Patrick's Church in Farmington. Gloria was predeceased by her husband, "Sebby" in 2004 and her mother Rena, in 2009. She is survived by her three children, Lynne (Massi) Mussulli and her husband David of Douglas, MA, Paul Massi and his wife Christine of Southington, and Michael Massi and his wife Dina of West Hartford; two sisters-in-law, Zita (Tersilla) Massi, Fausta Guerra; five grandchildren, Allyson, Nicholas, Jacob, Benjamin, and Jenna; a great-grandson, Vico; a niece Maria Giobert; and two nephews, Federico Massi, and Pietro Massi. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9 AM at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home, 411 So. Main St., New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM at St. Patrick's Church. Entombment will take place in the Chapel Mausoleum at St. Mary's Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 4-7 PM at the funeral home. Please share a memory of Gloria with the family in the online guest book www.ericksonhansen.com

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Warner, Jr., Alden Young



Alden Young Warner, Jr. 91, of Farmington, CT, beloved husband of Anne Trumbull Robinson Warner, died on Thursday, March 3, 2022 of natural causes. Son of the late Alden Young and Caroline Hunn Warner, Aldy was raised in Farmington and Pine Orchard, CT and attended Rumsey Hall School, Phillips Academy Andover (1948), and Yale (1952), where he played hockey and was a four-year star of varsity lacrosse. After service in the U.S. Air Force and a stint in manufacturing, he took up his career as an investment manager at Smith Barney Harris Upham (now Morgan Stanley) in Hartford, from which he retired in the mid 1990's. Aldy was a talented nature photographer, quietly proud of being often published by The Nature Conservancy and of having a one-man show at the Yale Forestry School in 2002. A lover of jazz, opera, and classical music, he was also a lifelong athlete, cycling the byways of New England well into his 80's and hiking the mountain ranges of the world, from the Rockies, Andes and Himalayas to his beloved Swiss Alps, always with wife and best friend Annie by his side. A superlatively graceful skier, any family member could pick him out on a crowded slope from halfway across a valley, carving perfect turns as he floated downhill. In addition to his wife, Aldy is survived by three sons: Lucius Robinson Warner of Crested Butte, CO, and Valle Bonito, Chile, Alden Young Warner III and his husband Peter Reed of New York City and Copake, NY, and Peter McLane Warner and his wife Sallee of Southport, Tasmania; a brother Seth Coffing Warner of Litchfield, CT; a much-loved granddaughter Molly McLane Warner, of Palm Beach, Australia; and two step-grandchildren, Nell and James Spence. Beside his parents, he was predeceased by brothers Tucker Hunn, Jonathan Pierpont, and Bruce Byerly Warner. At Aldy's request, there will be a family graveside service at a later date, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Farmington. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. Memorial Donations may be made to The Nature Conservancy or to any charity of your choice.

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Calhoun, Paige



Paige Calhoun, 60, of Manchester, CT passed away quietly in her home on March 2, 2022. She graduated from Manchester High School in 1979. After high school, Paige went to UCONN and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Master's degree in Education.

Paige spent 25+ years teaching in the Hartford School System for the elementary grades and completed her teaching career as a library media specialist until her retirement in 2019.

Paige was a free spirit who enjoyed living off the grid after she graduated from college. Her love of nature brought her to live in Alaska and Maine where she lived for many years. Friends and family may remember that she rented a house in Maine from Don McClean, singer/songwriter of "American Pie". Paige returned to Manchester in 1996 and started a family. She loved to hike in the woods or kayak in the local nature reserve. Surviving Paige is her beloved son Will Calhoun, Tampa, FL, her parents, William and Simone Calhoun, St. Petersburg, FL, her two sisters, Pamela (Mark) Sievers of Brookfield, IL, and Alison (Rick) Romkey of Bolton, CT, her sister-in-law Jessica Calhoun, Andover, CT and many beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, William Calhoun, Jr. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com. Plant a Tree in Memory of Paige - www.alivingtribute.org

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Broadhurst, Peter A.



Peter Andrew Broadhurst passed away on March 2, 2022. He was born in Sioux City, Iowa on October 9th, 1953. Peter was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Dorothy Broadhurst, and sister Katherine. He is survived by his wife, Miriam Lopez Broadhurst, sons Brandon and Camilo, sisters Anne and Sarah Broadhurst and a brother John Broadhurst. His extended family included many nieces, nephews and in-laws. Peter lived in West Hartford, CT most of his life. He worked primarily in the field of sales/manufacturing for small companies in the Hartford area. Pete's life centered around his home and family. His children were a constant source of great love and pride. He was a blues musician and an accomplished guitarist, relishing the time he spent both playing and listening to his favorite music. He grew up playing basketball and loved football, cheering on the Giants every season. Always dependable, Peter lived up to the meaning of his name - truly a rock on which all could rely on. He had a sensitive nature and a generosity of spirit. Calling hours will be held at the Molloy Funeral Home in West Hartford on Wednesday, March 9th from 4 to 7 PM. A memorial service will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, March 10th at 10 AM with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford. Donations (monetary or otherwise) can be made in Peter's name, and in memory of his beloved dog Mia, to West Hartford Animal Control by visiting the West Hartford Police Station or the West Hartford Dog Pound at 36 Brixton St. West Hartford, CT. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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Amato, Ann



Ann Amato, long time resident of Greenwich Village, and later Brookdale Gables, Farmington, CT died February 26, 2022. She was born in Meriden, CT, daughter of the late Mary (Pettingale) and Paul Amato. A graduate of Larson Junior College, now Quinnipiac University, she was a long-time member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals, New York City chapter, active in Greenwich Village community affairs and a former President of the Upper West 13th Street Block Association. Ann was predeceased by her beloved cousin Nancy Barnett. She leaves many loving family members including her brother, Gaetano Amato, and many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews and great grand nieces and nephews. She was a strong, caring, and steady influence on all their lives, and will be greatly missed.

A service will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Meriden at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The New York Public Library, 476 5th Ave, New York, NY 10018 or at <https://www.nypl.org/>. Arrangements are under the John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home, 88 E. Main St., Meriden, CT 06450. For online condolences, please visit jerryfh.com.



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Girouard, Betty (Gustafson)



Betty Girouard (Gustafson) departed this world Friday February 18th surrounded by the love of her family. She was born April 10, 1928, to Arthur and Anna Gustafson in East Hartford where she was raised and would later, with the love of her life, William Marshall Girouard ("Marsh") make their home on Oak St. for nearly 60 years. Betty is survived by her three boys, David and his wife Barbara, Gary and his friend Barbara and Robert and his wife Susan along with 2 granddaughters (Katie and Erica) and six great grandchildren (Alaiya, Julie, Jiana, Elijah, Jaxon and Bryson). She was predeceased by her grandson Brian and by Marsh after 66 years of marriage. She was also predeceased by her sister Astrid Shaw and her brother Alan Gustafson, who was Santa Claus for Betty's boys when they were young. Betty and Marsh were blessed to enjoy their cottage in West Dennis on Cape Cod for nearly 60 years, where many fond memories were made with family and close friends Dot and Joe Macchi and their boys. In recent years since Marsh's passing Betty took turns living with each of her sons up until her passing. Our Mom had a lovely smile and a beautiful caring soul and we sons are blessed that she was our mother. There are no calling hours and services are private. To leave condolences, please visit Farleysullivan.com.



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Marques, Ventura A.



Ventura A. Marques, 96, of West Hartford, beloved husband of Fernanda Ferreira Marques passed away at home on Friday, March 4, 2022. Born in Torredeita, Portugal, he lived in the Hartford area for the past 70 years. Prior to his retirement, Ventura was employed at the Utility Development Corp. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Hartford and a member of the Hartford Portuguese Club, Newington. Ventura was a fan of Sporting CP, he loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his vegetable garden and anything Portuguese.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Joe and his wife Carol, Victor and his wife Karen and Paul and his wife Patricia; six grandchildren Erika Buonannata and her husband Joe, John, Kaylin, Kerry, Ryan and Charlotte and two great-grandchildren, Lucca and Lira Buonannata.

A Mass of Christian will be Thursday, 11:00 am (March 10) at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Hartford. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Calling hours are prior to the funeral from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave., West Hartford. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Ressa, Francis "Frank"



Francis A. "Frank" Ressa, 79, of Southington and formerly of Schenectady, NY, passed away peacefully at Hartford Hospital on Sunday, February 27, 2022 after a long struggle with heart disease. He had been the loving husband of Yvonne (Colino) Ressa for nearly 54 years. Frank was born in Schenectady, NY to the late Vincenzo and Mary (Pasquarella) Ressa. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1964 - 1967 during the Vietnam War, finishing his tour at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. Frank worked as database administrator and retired from NASDAQ. He loved to travel and watch all sports, especially the NY Giants and NY Yankees and could be described as a "walking sports Almanac." In addition to his wife Yvonne, Frank is survived by 2 children; daughter, Dina Ressa of Southington and son, Christopher Ressa and his wife Jodi of Ladson, SC and 4 grandchildren, Morgan Gott and Megan Ressa, both of SC and Joseph and Ryon Lee, both of Southington. He is also survived by a large loving extended family including his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Anthony and Pam Colino, 2 nieces, Rebecca Colino and Sara Grace, all of NY, and many cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 (<https://www.heart.org>). A celebration of Frank's life will be celebrated in New York later this summer. Plantville Funeral Home has been entrusted with handling the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.plantvillefuneralhome.com.

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Guglietta, Judith (McGarry)



Judith McGarry Guglietta, 85, of West Hartford, Connecticut passed away on February 28, 2022. She was born July 8, 1936 in New London, the daughter of Raymond McGarry and Ann Cavanaugh McGarry. She attended primary and secondary school in New London and received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut. She was a fabulous cook, and enjoyed reading, playing golf, doing puzzles, watching movies and especially loved her chocolate! She was a wonderful, selfless mother, who did everything she could to care for and support her children throughout her life. She is survived by two daughters, Ann Parizo and her husband Kevin of West Hartford, CT and their 3 sons, Michael, Mikel and Isaiah, and Patricia Guglietta of Milton, MA and her two children, Anthony and Rosemary. She was predeceased by her son, Joseph Guglietta, her sister, Mary Stuart and her brother, Raymond McGarry. The family gives special thanks to the caring staff at Brookdale Senior Living in West Hartford, especially to her loving caregivers, Celeste and Sasha. There will be no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, March 14th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St., Newington. Burial will be private. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington is serving her family. To share a memory or condolence, please visit us at www.duksa.net.

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Hills Sr, Charles



Charles H. Hills Sr., 85, of Bloomfield, CT, entered eternal rest on the peaceful shore on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. He was born on March 28, 1936, in Tallahassee, FL to the late Julia Hills Weaver, and raised by his stepfather, the late McLain Weaver. Charles married his loving wife Rossie L. Hills in 1957, they shared 64 years of an affectionate caring bond together, like no other, Rossie transitioned on September 21st, 2021. Left to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy are his beloved grandchildren, Shaun Hills Sr. (Laverne) and Charleston Williams (Shawn); as well as a host of relatives and friends.

A celebration of life for Charles will take place on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 11:30am with a visitation from 10:00am - 11:30am and a masonic service from 10:45am - 11:15am. Interment will be in Tallahassee, FL. To leave a message of comfort for the Hills family and view the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Hayes, Sr., Richard P.

Richard (Dick) P. Hayes, Sr., 85, of Vernon, passed away January 12, 2022. He was born on December 18, 1936, in Manchester, CT, to the late Adelaide Brown Hayes and David Vincent Hayes. He graduated from Munson Academy and attended the University of Notre Dame. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and achieved the rank of Sergeant by the conclusion of his service.

In 1960, he started a real estate business, The Hayes Corporation, (It pays to call Hayes). In the 1970's, he began to invest in commercial real estate, and in 1985, he formed a partnership, Hayes-Kaufman Developers.

His summer vacation time was spent with his children and grandchildren at his home on Block Island.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Martin and David. He is survived by his three children, Richard Hayes Jr. and his wife Mary Wetmore Hayes of Bolton, his two daughters Patty Hayes of Lutherville, Maryland and Mary Doherty and her husband Mike Doherty of Westerly, Rhode Island; along with his six grandchildren, his sister Catherine and her husband Thomas Toomey, and many nieces and nephews. His companion of 30 years, Meeri Campos, resides in Connecticut.

A celebration of life was held at Saint Bridget's Church in Manchester. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

Memorial donations in Richard's memory may be made to The Committee for the Great Salt Pond, P.O. Box 1092, Block Island, RI, 02807.

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Kallenbach, William M.



William M. Kallenbach, 82, of Burlington, husband of Carol Q. Kallenbach, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2022. Born in Bristol, son of the late Richard and Jean (Duncan) Kallenbach, he was raised and educated in Bristol. His charismatic, outgoing personality propelled him to vice president of sales for Modern Woodcrafts, Inc., where he worked his entire career until his retirement in 2005. He was an incredibly talented woodworker. He cherished his dogs and he loved nothing better than a sunny Saturday to work in his yard and garden. We will always remember his amazing grin and sense of humor. Besides his wife Carol, he leaves a son Tod Kallenbach and his wife Robin of Burlington, a son Jeffrey Kallenbach and his wife Susan of Bristol, his daughter Kimberly LeTellier and her husband Todd of York, ME, and a son Tyler Kallenbach of Torrington. He also leaves many adored grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his first wife Carol V. Kallenbach, his daughter Debra Kallenbach and his brother Richard Kallenbach, Jr. A graveside funeral service will be held Friday, March 11, 2022, 11 AM directly at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Rankin, Margaret Alice

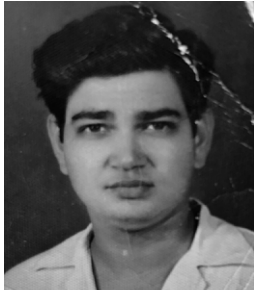


Margaret Alice Rankin, 96, of Bristol, CT passed away peacefully on Monday, February 28, 2022. Margaret was born on July 10, 1925 in Fayston, VT, the eldest child of the late Frank and Mary (Carter) Broadwell. Margaret grew up in Vermont before moving to Bristol with her father, working at New Departure during WWII, and bringing the rest of the family to CT. After marrying Alton 'Pete' Rankin, they lived and worked in Hartford, then moved to Bristol after starting a family. Margaret loved being a homemaker and caring for her five sons. Her kindness and generosity stood out and endeared her to all who knew her. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Martin and Janet of Clinton, ME, Robert and Elizabeth of Bristol, Bryon and Margie of Bristol, Clifford and Amy of Randolph Center, VT, and Ronald and Lori of Tarpon Springs, FL; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Margaret was predeceased by her husband Alton, and her siblings, Raymond, Delbert, William, Veronica, Allen and Francis. The family plans for a celebration of Margaret's life at a later date. In lieu of flowers: Margaret was an avid reader and literacy advocate, and donations can be made in her name to any local library. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Margaret's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com



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Siddiqui, Haroon Rashid



With extreme sadness we announce that Haroon Rashid Siddiqui, 85, of Avon, CT passed away on February 9, 2022 from a chronic medical condition. Haroon graduated with a master's degree in mathematics and proceeded to establish a very successful business in the travel industry. In 1957, he got married to the love of his life Rosy and they went on to have six loving children and a very happy marriage of 63 years until her death in 2021. He was a very devoted husband and father who dedicated his life to his family and extended family. He was an affectionate son to his parents and a father figure to all of his siblings upon the passing of his own father. He had a towering personality with a witty sense of humor and was deeply loved by everyone; he will be sorely missed. Haroon is predeceased by his wife and love Rosy, his loving son Younus Siddiqui; and his dear grandson, Asad Hasan. He is survived by his daughter, Rubina Khan; his son, Fareed Siddiqui; his son, Nadeem Siddiqui; his daughter, Aneela Hasan; his son, Khawar Siddiqui; and his twelve grandchildren, Shaharyar, Shahzad, Shahzaib, Ali, Madhia, Yasmina, Tariq, Talal, Manzar, Anoosha, Aleesha and Zohaib.

The family held a private funeral on February 11th and asks that any donation in his honor and memory go to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

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Nelson, John Lance



John Lance Nelson Sr., 84, entered into Eternal Peace on Friday, March 4, 2022 at his loving home in Suffield. John was born on November 2, 1937, the son of the late Richard Guy and Alice (Walsh) Nelson and was raised in Enfield with fond memories of growing up on Shaker Pines Lake. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy. After returning home from his worldly tour in the Navy he entered into the construction industry and worked his way up to VP for Della for over 30 years. It is during this time he met his beloved wife, the late Rosemary (Monette) Nelson and they raised three beautiful children together, Rene Nelson Alderman and her husband Jeffrey of Suffield, John Lance Nelson and his wife Geneva of Enfield, and his youngest son Brian whom he was predeceased by and missed dearly. John was an exceptional man in every aspect of his life. He loved God, his family, and every sport imaginable in that order with all his heart. John's amazing love for sports led him to many experiences throughout his life both as an athlete and spectator. From little league as a young boy, a boxer in the Navy, and an avid golfer and bowler throughout his life. Anyone who knew John knew his love for the outdoors as an exceptional hunter and fisherman that brought him to some of the most amazing experiences of his life that he shared with all and also where he met so many of his lifelong friends and extended family he held closest in his heart. John was a true friend to everyone he met. He always listened to everyone that needed support and gave us sound advice always. He had an amazing way of making everyone feel wanted, loved and cared for. John grew up one of five siblings, leaving behind his best friends, his brother and sister, Richard Guy Nelson and fiancée Mary Rowan, and Jackie Tuomala and her husband Jerry. He was predeceased by his sisters, Sally Baribault and June Burke. He also leaves behind a brother-in-law, Robert Mercik and a sister-in-law, Dar Licitra and her husband Bob. John and Ro were grateful to be able to provide a summer home to their family in Averill, VT, where they were able to teach their children and grandchildren to unplug from the world which taught them many life lessons that would go on to shape their character's in the future. They made many of their lifelong friendships that they cherished in their second home eventually becoming the Blue House Crew. John always looked forward to the time they spent with one another, especially his five grandchildren of whom he couldn't have been prouder of, Dominique, John III, William, Danielle and Jeffrey. For his grandchildren he always had time whether it be playing cards or sharing stories. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews whom he cared for deeply, who proudly call him "Uncle John". In the later years John struggled with several health conditions and always still had time, a note of positivity, and a twinkle out of his blue eyes for all who came to visit. He was forever grateful to his daughter Rene who took extraordinary care of him the last several years and the support and love of his family, friends, and caregivers. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for calling hours on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 4-8 pm at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd., Enfield. A procession will gather at the funeral home on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 9:00 am for a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10:00 am at Holy Family Church, 23 Simon Road, Enfield. Burial with military honors will follow at Hazardville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers John's family suggest donations in his memory be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St, Springfield, MA 01104. If John could have a message to his friends and family it would be see you later, GO SOX!!! and God Bless! To leave online condolences please visit www.leetestevens.com

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Berarducci, Ida J.



Ida J. Berarducci, 83, of Plainville passed away peacefully on Sunday February 20, 2022 at Arden Courts in Farmington where she had resided for the last ten years. Born on March 5, 1938 to the late Alda (Ghiselli) and Andrew Berarducci, she was a lifelong resident of Plainville. She was also predeceased by her older sister Dolores and is survived by her many cousins. Ida worked as a buyer for more than 20 years until her retirement at The Stanley Works in New Britain keeping many a vendor's pricing in line with her sharp pencil and quick wit. She later focused her efforts to knitting, gardening and in canning and preserving of almost everything she grew, becoming prolific at them all. There are no calling hours and a private burial will be held at a later date. All arrangements are being handled by the Farrell Funeral Home in New Britain where one can go and share a thought or memory of Ida on their website. Lastly, the family wishes to acknowledge and thank Arden Courts for the extraordinary care they provided Ida over the last years of her life. To share a condolence, please visit www.FarrellFuneralHome.com

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Wigton, George



Auburn - George Wigton, an accomplished and beloved athlete, educator, and coach, passed away at home in the loving arms of his family on March 1, 2022.

George, born in 1929 in Oberlin, Ohio, was married for 70 years to his high school sweetheart, Eleanor Mahan. He served four years in the U.S. Navy, then attended Ohio State University where he played on the varsity basketball and track teams. He graduated in the class of 1956. For nine years, he coached basketball, track and football at the University of Connecticut. He also taught and coached at Staples High School in Westport, Connecticut, before joining the Athletic Department at Bates College in 1965.

He spent 31 years at Bates where he became the longest serving coach for basketball (20 years) and tennis (31 years) in the school's history. He also served as the head coach for men's soccer and men's and women's squash. He was Assistant Director of Athletics from 1974-1984, and retired in 1996. Coach Wigton was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the National Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association Hall of Fame.

George and Eleanor traveled extensively and made friends around the world.

George is survived by his wife Eleanor; daughter Christy and her husband Ray, son Jeff and his wife Michele, son Andy and his wife Christine, daughter Sue and her husband Ken; grandchildren Ben, Matt, Paul, Emmy and Nick Pasquale, Andrew and Spencer Wigton, Drake, Kyle and Adam Smith, and Noah Wigton; and great-grandchildren Isabella Pasquale, Malaya and Simone Pasquale, Ayla Wigton, Avi Smith, and Arrow, Galilee, and Juniper Wigton. George was predeceased by his parents, Charles E. and Elizabeth (nee Lowry) Wigton, and his two brothers, Charles and William Wigton.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be scheduled in early June. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a gift in George's memory to the Androscoggin Hospice House, 15 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, Maine, 04240, or donate online at Androscoggin.org; or the Maine Veterans' Home South Paris Activity Fund, 477 High Street, South Paris, Maine, 04281, or donate online at Mainevets.org/locations/southparisdonations. Memories may be shared in his Book of Memories at www.wilesrc.com. Cremation care and memorial services are being cared for and provided by the Wiles Remembrance Center, 137 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington.

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Resendes, Cidalia M.



Cidalia M. Resendes, 64, of West Hartford, CT, beloved wife of Jose Resendes, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at home surrounded by her family. She was born on August 18, 1957, to the late Jose Andrade and Jesuina Sousa Moura in Santa Maria, Azores. Besides her husband of 48 years, Cidalia leaves her daughter Nelia Oriola and her husband Chris Oriola, her daughter Diane Resendes, and her son Steven Resendes and his fiancé Sabrina Pereira. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren, Kayla, Alexia, Matthew, Amaya, Emma, Jahkai, and Kenya. In addition, she leaves her sisters, Maria Melo, Ana Sousa, and Ines Almeida as well as her extended family and friends.

Calling hours will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Fatima Square, 50 Kane Street, Hartford. Entombment will follow at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Town that Cares, 50 South Main St. Rm 130, West Hartford, CT 06107. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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OBITUARIES

Johnson, Jr., George F.

 George F. Johnson, 85, of Newington, passed on February 28, 2022, surrounded by his family. George was born in Brooklyn, New York to the late George Johnson, Sr. and Clara Louise Maynard. George moved to Newington with his wife, Barbara(Johansen) Johnson, where they lived for the past 60 years. He was an avid collector of milk bottles and caps and was actively involved with the National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors. George had taken special interest to dairy farming and distribution in Newington and other towns throughout Connecticut. For many years, George was a lay reader at Grace Episcopal Church in Newington. George honorably served our country for three years during the Korean Conflict. Left to mourn his passing is his wife, Barbara, his son, Erik Johnson and his wife, Jennifer, and their children, Lauren and Christopher Johnson. George also leaves his daughter, Ingrid Johnson. George was predeceased by his three sisters; Eleanor Hurley, Alma Lampard, and Birtise Martin, along with a number of cats he kept as pets throughout his life. A funeral service will be held for George on Saturday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Ave., Newington. Duksa Family Funeral Homes, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grace Episcopal Church or to Lucy Robbins Welles Library, 95 Cedar St., Newington, CT 06111. To share a memory with George's family, please visit us at www.duks.net



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Moore, Barbara



Barbara Love Moore, 90, of Old Saybrook, CT passed away peacefully on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2022, as she was awaiting to join her lifelong valentine Tom who had passed June 3, 2018. Barbara was the wife of Tom Moore for 65 glorious years. She is survived by 3 siblings, Marlen (husband Peter), Linda (husband Mike) and Fred (wife Elizabeth). 5 sons, Greg (wife Candice), Brad (wife Jean), Tim, Jeff & Dan. 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Barbara was born in Erie, PA, daughter of Lincoln and Marion Love. She attended Thiel College where she met Tom and they married. She had many interests and jobs through her wonderful life, in particular her love of children as a teacher. However, being a loving wife and caring mother was always most important to her. Barbara loved living in Old Saybrook, becoming a valued member of the community, attending the First Church of Christ and providing home made goodies to those in need. A memorial service for family and friends will be held Saturday May 14, 2022 (3:00 pm) at the First Church of Christ in Saybrook, 366 Main Street.

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Morissette, Linda (Crean)



Linda (Crean) Morissette, 55, passed away surrounded by love on Monday, February 14, 2022. Born on April 14th, 1966 in New Britain, Linda was a 1984 graduate of Penney High School and longtime resident of East Hartford. After spending almost half her life in CT, she moved to Myrtle Beach, SC. There she spent her free time with her toes in the sand, her chair on the pier, and her hands busy digging in the dirt of her backyard garden. Linda was predeceased by her father John Crean and her brother Patrick Crean. She leaves behind her mother and stepfather Connie and Dwight Oughstun, her husband Roland Boucher, her brother Paul Crean and his wife Ginny, her two nieces Erin and Maggie Crean, and her close friend Darrel Buller. She also leaves behind her loving aunts and uncle, cousins, many dear friends, and her beloved dog Maggie. Calling hours will be on Friday, March 11, 2022 from 4:00-7:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT, with a brief memorial to Linda's beautiful spirit beginning at 6:00 pm. As some family members are immunocompromised, the family respectfully asks that all in attendance are fully vaccinated and masked. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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O'Meara, Eileen Ann



Eileen Ann O'Meara, 53, of Windsor passed away peacefully on Friday, February 4, 2022, at home surrounded by her family. She was born on March 1, 1968; to Celina O'Meara and the late Peter J. O'Meara, Sr. She attended local schools and was a graduate of Windsor High School. After the birth of her daughter Sylvia, she devoted her life to raising her and caring for her family which was the center of her life. Eileen is survived by her mother, Celina M. O'Meara of Windsor, her daughter, Sylvia Pierce of Windsor; her siblings, Colleen Rafala, John O'Meara, and Maggie O'Meara, her nieces and nephews, Peter, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Matthew, Celina, Paul, and Clara. She was predeceased by her brother Peter J. O'Meara, Jr.

Services will be private. Memorial donations in Eileen's memory may be made to assist her daughter in her future education. Please mail donations to Windsor Federal Saving, Attn. Customer Service Department, Sylvia Pierce College Fund 250 Broad Street, Windsor, CT 06095. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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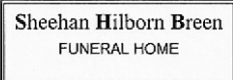
 Richard F. Gagnon, "Dick," died peacefully on the morning of February 17 with family by his side. He was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 56 years, Mary Teresa Gagnon. Dick spent his childhood in Maine and California, eventually settling in Hartford, Connecticut. He graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1954 and then attended Hartford Regional Tech. After four years in the Air Force, he worked for 37 years at United Technologies Corporation/ International Fuel Cells Division as a Technical Writing Engineer. He was extremely proud of his work, his professional relationships, and his collaboration with Japanese counterparts on some large projects, including the Space Shuttle. Dick and Terri lived in Wethersfield, Conn., before making their home in Vernon, where they raised their sons, David and Jamie. Terri and Dick never missed any of their sons' sporting events and were also active volunteering in the community. Dick loved the Boston Red Sox and had season tickets for many years at Fenway Park, just a few rows behind the home dugout. Nobody was happier when the Red Sox finally won the World Series in 2004 after not winning it for 86 years – which, as it turned out, was the same number of years Dick would spend on Earth. One of the happiest periods of his life was when his sons played Little League baseball. Dick was actively involved as an assistant coach, never missing a game. He would never tire of hitting fungos to the players to help them practice and improve, especially his son David, who at the time looked like a smaller version of Freddie Lynn in center field. He could hit one perfect fly ball after another; I've never seen anyone do that better. He also loved the New England lakes, especially New Hampshire's Lake Winnepesaukee, where the family spent three weeks each summer for 20 years. Even on his last living day, Dick wore a t-shirt from George's Restaurant, his favorite breakfast spot near the lake. But no matter where Dick spent his time, he was loved by many and always well respected. Dick loved to cook, following every recipe to a T. For quite a few years, he made Thanksgiving dinner for the extended family, happily granting his nieces' and nephews' request for his famous cheesy carrot dish. But there was no food that Dick enjoyed more than a hamburger grilled rare. He loved hot dogs as well, with a requirement that they be served on authentic New England-style split-top buns. One of the happiest moments of Dick's retirement in Florida was when he discovered a store in Punta Gorda that sold those buns. That retirement began in 1996, when Dick and Terri moved to North Fort Myers, close to the Red Sox spring training facility. They attended as many baseball games as they could, played golf at least once a week, and made endless memories with their abundant new friends at Del Tura, a gated country club community in North Fort Myers. With his knack for audio, Dick quickly became the go-to soundman for plays, dances, and other events at Del Tura, managing microphones, speakers, and music. Dick and Terri spent 20 years in Del Tura before deciding to move closer to their sons in the Atlanta area. They spent four years in a wonderful independent-living facility called Creekside Pines in Dallas, GA. After Terri passed away in 2019, Dick moved into assisted living at The Lodge at Aspen, also in Dallas. Dick is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law David and Leigh Anne Shannon Gagnon and James and Monica Gagnon, and his dear granddaughters Addison and Anna. Spending time with the girls was the greatest joy of his life. Just like Terri, Dick will be greatly missed by the Markowski family, the Sullivan family, and the extended Gagnon family, including his late brother Jack's wife, Pearl Gagnon, and multiple nieces and nephews. He will also be greatly missed by his visiting angel Jessica Thomason, who cared for him and brightened every day over the last few years. Jessica is beloved as an honorary member of the Gagnon family. She shared these profoundly kind and touching words that so accurately sum up who Dick was: "I just wanted you to know how much your dad meant to me. I am grateful that I got to be with him to the very end – just as I promised him I would. I have never heard a man talk about their wife the way he did Terri. He told me everything about her and he absolutely adored her in every way. I loved and was amazed by all the scrapbooks and movies that he meticulously put together from their lifetime of adventures. We had a connection and a friendship that I will always treasure. I miss him already, but I am so glad he is with his beloved Terri." The Service was held on Monday, February 21, 2022, in Marietta, GA

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Tardif, Glen Carl



Glen Carl Tardif of Hartford passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2022 after a long illness. He was born in Hartford on September 12, 1969. He was the son of the late Gerard and Edmay (Michaud) Tardif. Glen was a former Special Olympics participant and was employed for many years by CW Resources. He was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Glen would light up a room with his smile, his laugh, and his antics, and was loved by all who knew him. Glen is survived by his brother Robert Jim Tardif and wife Charlene of Plymouth, brother Richard Tardif and wife Andrea of Tolland, sister Kathy Tardif Brandon of Hartford and his beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Gene Tardif and brother-in-law Dean Brandon. The funeral arrangements will be private. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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


















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Smoke rises from a power plant after shelling outside the town of Schastia, near the eastern Ukraine city of Lugansk on Feb. 22. ARIS MESSINIS/GETTY -AFP

Ukraine cyber spillover could hit home for US

By Arthur H. House

Ukraine’s resistance to Russia’s invasion epitomizes a stark example of passionate fighting for the homeland. Ukrainians’ — and their leaders’ — commitment to stay and fight, risking life against superior forces, is profoundly inspiring.

The United States joins a large international community that is fortifying its efforts with funds and material. Ukrainians are also valiantly working to exploit home-field advantage with subterfuge, improvised explosive devices and surprise attacks.

And then there is the cyber dimension — both offense and defense — of this heartbreaking, unprovoked war.

Discussion of cyber has been drowned out by the immediate, visible impact of Russia’s aggression. But we overlook it at our peril.

In 2013, Russian Chief of the General Staff and Deputy Defense Minister Valery Gerasimov articulated a blueprint of tactics to achieve strategic goals, or as one analyst put it, “What Gerasimov was talking about was the use of subversion to prepare the battlefield before intervention.” Such tactics include conventional attacks, terror, economic coercion, propaganda and cyber, currently being deployed to disrupt government and bank services.

The Ukrainians have long suffered from — and are bitter about being a Russian petri dish for — Russian cyber weaponry. Russia weaponized social media, flooding it with disinformation, during its 2014

annexation of Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula. Russia has twice used cyber to shut off electricity in Kyiv in the winter. Then there was the “NotPetya” malware in 2017, which was spread through software for filing taxes in Ukraine but metastasized to cripple ports, corporations and government agencies around the world.

Make no mistake, cyber is bound to be a player in the current battle, and our distant, physical borders are no comfort.

Several scenarios could lead the United States and NATO countries to be drawn into cyber exchanges with Russia: direct response to resupplying Ukrainian forces or to economic sanctions deemed to be acts of war; malware deployment like NotPetya that spills beyond its intended target in Ukraine to damage Europe and the United



Soldiers in Belgium prepare to depart to Romania to join the NATO Response Force, which was activated following Russia’s invasion. OLIVIER MATTHYS/AP

States; cyberwarfare spilling into Poland or another NATO member, interpreted as an attack and triggering NATO’s Article 5 joint defense provision.

Cyber easily triggers unforeseen consequences. As a United States resident, you are not immune. As a Connecticut resident, you may be interested to know that our state was active in strengthening Ukraine’s cyber defense after 2015.

During my time at Connecticut’s Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

and subsequently as chief cybersecurity risk officer, we became the first state with a cybersecurity strategy and action plan, initially for critical infrastructure and then more broadly for the state. The U.S. Agency for International Development included the Connecticut model of critical infrastructure defense assessment in its support offered to Ukraine, other Black Sea countries, the Baltics and former

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New subpoena issued in school construction probe



Kevin Rennie

The federal criminal investigation of the Lamont administration’s school construction program continues to grow. Investigators served a subpoena on the custodian of records in the town of Tolland on Feb. 22. The subpoena seeks documents “for the period Jan. 1, 2015, to the present” concerning all school construction projects, “all communications with or related to Konstantinos Diamantis or any other employee or representatives of” the school construction

grants, and “documents related to any [school construction grants] project at Birch Grove Primary School.” Diamantis, a lawyer and former Bristol state representative, supervised state school construction grants while he was with the Department of Administrative Services and then as deputy secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and director of the Office of School Construction and Grants Reviews. He no longer holds the state positions. The new subpoena subjects investigators are paying particular attention to are the course the Birch Grove project took in 2019. Officials confirmed in late 2018 that the concrete used to build the school contained pyrrhotite, the mineral that causes concrete to

deteriorate. The town’s superintendent of schools, Walter Willett, requested on Jan. 14, 2019, that competitive bidding be waived for the \$46 million project. Two days later former Department of Administrative Services Commissioner Melody Currey granted the request. Six days later local officials attended a meeting at DAS with Diamantis and others, including two principals of D’Amato Construction Co. Willett told this column writer on Feb. 10 that town officials were pressured by Diamantis to hire D’Amato and a second company, Construction Advocacy Professionals.

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The concrete foundation of Birch Grove Primary School in Tolland in 2019 had micro cracks in its foundation. The process of rebuilding the school has led to a federal investigation of the Lamont administration’s school construction program. COURANT FILE

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EDITORIAL

A voice in stopping the violence

To say it's been a difficult two years for Hartford is putting it mildly. Amid a global pandemic that gripped the city for two years just as it did every community in Connecticut, Hartford has seen a rise in homicides since the start of 2020. That meant 35 people were slain in 2021, an increase from 2020 when there were 25 homicides in the city. That is a 40 percent increase in homicides from one year to the next. Further, according to information compiled by Lisa Barao, a criminal justice professor at Westfield State University, the city recorded 461 shootings, 63 of them fatal, between Jan. 1, 2019, and Dec. 31, 2021. Hartford is not alone in facing tragic loss: New Haven had 25 homicides in 2021. But as Hartford Mayor Luke

Bronin has said, the conversation should not be about numbers. It should be "about people." Bronin is right, and numbers never tell the true story of how a homicide rips at the fabric of families, engenders fear in communities, brings trauma to children who hear gunfire and to those who must watch as their relative or a friend's relative is buried. But what to do to end this grave public health concern? It's a question city and police officials and residents all want answered. Chief of Police Jason Thody said he's been on the job in Hartford for 26 years and does not know whether the "why" of gun violence has been explored thoroughly enough. As law enforcement seeks to interrupt violence and to react to it, "you kind of have to know what's driving it," the chief noted at a town hall event on violence last week.

As has been widely reported, shootings can result from gangs and drug sales and retaliation, and victims often refuse to cooperate with investigators for myriad reasons, including lack of trust in police. Residents speaking at the town hall event shared frustration and thoughts on what they think drives violence. Among those were economic conditions in the city, lack of stable and affordable housing, lack of enough community services, and wage pressure that pushes people to turn to crime for the income. At the same event, Bronin offered what were called "initial recommendations" to address the violence, and those included: more attention on "very high risk" individuals, increasing reentry support for people who have been released from prison and for

mental health interventions, and working toward a better solve rate for fatal and nonfatal shootings, as The Courant's Alex Putterman reported. Hartford, of course, already has anti-violence efforts in place, such as the Shooting Response Team, service providers, grass roots groups and more. Bronin says the town hall during which he provided recommendations was intended to help provide a better understanding of the city's gun violence issues. But residents are frustrated by lack of progress, and they let the mayor and police chief know that. Bronin says there will be more events planned to delve into this crucial issue. That is a good idea. Residents of Hartford deserve to have a voice. There are lives at stake, and they might be saved if those voices are heard.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US must answer Russia with force

Russia's invasion of Ukraine requires a more forceful response than unilateral criticism and economic sanctions by the U.S. and its allies. Force must be met with force to save Ukraine and to prevent future military aggression by Russia. This can be done overtly by on-the-ground military action or covertly with no U.S. boots on the ground. The U.S. and its allies have the capability to cripple Russia through cyber and other non-traditional means. If Russia's action is not stopped now, then I fear we will be seeing more military action from Russia against other countries in a delusional effort to build a new USSR. **Christian Walter Carleen, Enfield**

State needs to get fiscal house in order

The state of Connecticut is like the person who won a \$500 scratch ticket and goes out and spends \$1,500. They think they're rich, but they have \$20K of credit card debt and owe \$400K on their underwater mortgage. Let's pay our bills first (unfunded pension funds, crumbling infrastructure). Debts and credits, people. Basic accounting. Stop looking for new ways to spend money until you get your fiscal house in order. Aren't there any accountants in government? **Steven Fischer, North Granby**

Story on UConn Health misses mark

I was disappointed by a headline erroneously suggesting that UConn Health is seeking a "bailout" from the state. It is not. The story missed the mark when it comes to understanding UConn Health's finances and our budget request of the state. UConn Health is not "struggling," as the story suggests. Just the opposite. Over the past decade we have grown clinical revenue from \$326 million to \$689 million this year — revenue that now accounts for about half of our budget. The state funds about 24%. The rest comes from other sources, such as research grants, tuition and fees. For nearly every state agency, the state covers 100% of the cost of employee fringe benefits, including the so-called legacy costs, which are the result of the state playing catch-up to fund pension and health costs that for years went unfunded. But the state does not fund these costs for UConn Health. Because of the growth of fringe costs, we can no longer afford to cover them for the state, so we are asking the state to continue to take on a greater share of legacy fringe costs. As of January, if UConn Health did not have to pay the state's legacy fringe costs, we would have an estimated surplus of \$8 million this past year. And instead of an average employee fringe rate of 65%-70%, it would be 35%-40% — much closer to other health systems in the state. **Bruce Liang, Avon** *The writer is interim CEO of UConn Health and dean of UConn school of medicine*

Some right-leaning content in Courant

The vision that came to mind after reading the letter "Courant is shifting too far to the right" was of a child crying, "That's not fair." Jill Espelin threatened to unsubscribe from The Courant because it had the audacity to publish an editorial by Bob Stefanowski. You've got to laugh. For decades, and especially in the past 10 years, many of us have had to put up with the liberal-leaning Courant. And now because it is rightfully and fairly reporting opinions from the right, Ms. Espelin is having a temper tantrum. One has to wonder if it's because she sees trouble for her party in the upcoming elections. Furthermore, she goes on to ask when opinion over science became more credible. Isn't the editorial section all about opinions? I had also noticed that many headlines have been right-leaning lately — and I'm enjoying The Courant more than I have in years. Thank you and keep up the good work. **Nancy Wall, Avon**

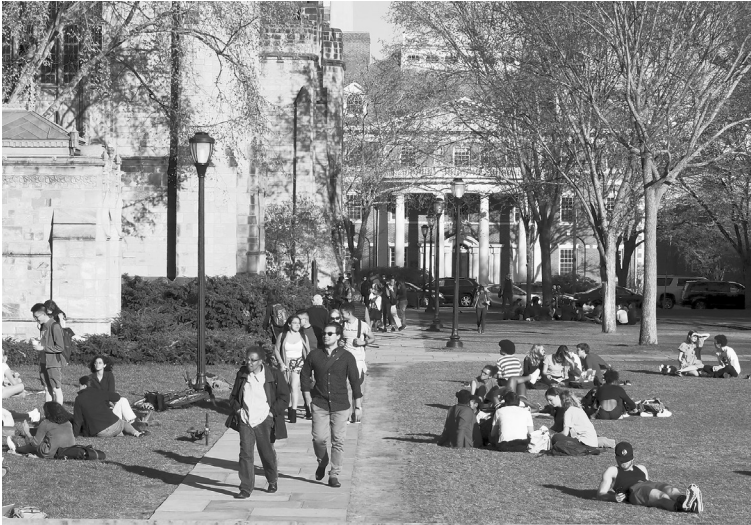
FRESH TALK

Mental health can get lost in shuffle of college experience

By Teresa Kurkijy

College offers a boatload of never-before-experienced stress, fun and freedom. Students must juggle academics with friends, extracurricular activities and finding their place as new college students, all while on the cusp of adulthood. Once in a while, colleges tell students to make time for themselves, and how they have resources such as counseling when they get stressed. But although people discuss breaking the stigma surrounding mental health, very few actually talk about it. I did not realize the major shift in my own mental health until I returned home for break in December. I was diagnosed with depression in January. At first, I was in disbelief. I enjoyed my classes during my first semester, made great friends and joined organizations I love. It wasn't until I returned home that I realized how I actually felt underneath. The major stressors of college had built up inside without me even noticing it. When faced with my declining mental health, I have had a lot of questions. How could I be depressed during what some people call the best time of my life? I almost felt ashamed. What I have realized is how the lack of genuine discussion surrounding emotional

wellness on campuses across the nation is letting students' struggles go unnoticed. In this way, colleges and universities must implement greater strategies to not only help students with their mental health, but to understand it. College students, especially freshmen, are pressured to show that they are having a great time via social media. Students post highlight reels daily, but never post what is going on outside of the fun. The college bubble discourages students from talking about how they truly feel, as they may believe that they are the only ones struggling. Without addressing their own emotions, students will continue to struggle until it is too late. Mental health is so stigmatized in college to the extent that many fear appearing weak among their peers if they bring it up. Universities fail to create meaningful discussions that would help students feel more comfortable expressing their feelings. Professors or administrators do not talk about mental health, but about stress and how it is normal as a college student. They put up a front that they care about students' well-being, yet seldom acknowledge it. The problem on campuses across the country is not just how little attention is paid to mental health, but how students might



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fail to notice how they are feeling because of busy schedules and large workloads. What schools could do is implement daily or weekly check-ins for students' mental health, even just to get them thinking about how they are feeling at the moment. This could be emailed to students as a survey on their current state for their own awareness about their mental health. University administrations should also create schoolwide discussions surrounding mental health, either in large or small group settings, to destigmatize talking about it in the school community as a whole. By seeing firsthand how students are feeling, even anonymously, school officials could work toward understanding the reality of the mental health crisis. In recent weeks, while coming to terms with the reality of my mental health, I have wondered how something so major could go unnoticed. College students

are overworked while maintaining a social life, and it is upsetting how many students might need help but haven't gotten it due to not realizing how they feel inside. In order to destigmatize mental health, especially on campuses, colleges must check in on students who make up the community and truly listen to the needs of students. Acknowledging mental health and encouraging discussion on campuses will make for a more welcoming and safe environment for all students.

Teresa Kurkijy, 18, is from Brookfield and is a student at Syracuse University.

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Rennie

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CAP is owned by Antonietta DiBenedetto Roy. She hired Diamantis' daughter Anastasia at the start of CAP's involvement on the Tolland project. Willett wrote "representatives of the Town and the Board felt they had no real choice as to CAP and D'Amato because Mr. Diamantis routinely emphasized there would be detrimental effects to the project if Tolland chose contractors or consultants other than CAP or D'Amato." CAP was paid \$530,000 for its work on the project. Search terms in a previous federal grand jury subpoena served on the state contain the words "D'Amato" and "Antonietta" and "DiBenedetto Roy"; there have been no accusations of wrongdoing against any of them. The Tolland project included the demolition of the school being replaced and the leasing and installation of portable classrooms. The original estimate of the cost of the portable classrooms for the project was \$1 million; it increased to \$9 million over the two school years they were used. The state paid the entire amount. The project also included the discovery of unsuitable soils during construction. That added \$1.8 million to the cost. It was a moment when some local officials suggested a brief pause in construction to examine where they were in the project and how to address the increasing costs. The documents that Tolland provides to investigators will answer some questions and raise others. Building a school is

complicated. Deconstructing the decisions made at each step of the way may be more complex. In Tolland, investigators will enjoy the benefits of some excellent recordkeepers in town government. They will also be able to review the extensive records of building committee members the town council appointed to oversee the construction. Having reviewed many records of the unusual circumstances surrounding the construction of Birch Grove, I have a sense of its dizzying number of moving parts. Diamantis, who denies any wrongdoing, couldn't have overseen the project alone. Plenty of others at DAS (and later the state budget office) would have participated in the planning, execution and funding of the school. After months of questions, no one — not Diamantis, Lamont or anyone at DAS — has explained how or why certain companies were chosen. It also had to be unusual for the estimate of the cost of portable classrooms, a feature of many school construction projects, increased by 900% in a few months. Did anyone question millions more dollars going out the door than originally expected? FBI agents on the case possess an enduring advantage: Most people have nothing to hide and will guide them through their piece of the process. Tolland officials may be relieved to testify under oath about the duress they say they endured to build a school. Why did no one who saw something say something to other government officials, who could have intervened? With another subpoena issued, answers may begin to outpace questions.

Cyber

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Yugoslav countries. We made our strategy available to them and held several overseas training sessions during which participants agreed that national security vulnerability directly tied to inadequate relationships between utilities and national intelligence and military authorities. Within a few years that support became outdated. Security is not a state in which you exist; it's a constant battle. Nation states have continued to penetrate utilities in the U.S. and Europe with sophisticated malware, and the West has reciprocated. Our national intelligence capabilities track such plantings and work to keep penetrators unaware of what we know. However, this leaves our utilities half-blind, with defenses to fend off a wide range of hackers and ransom attackers but detached from the sophisticated national security threats to their operating systems. Clearly, a cyberattack derived from any cause, including the Ukraine war, demands a comprehensive, national plan to join the separate worlds of intelligence and critical infrastructure as well as municipal, state, regional and national leadership. After all, the states could not have implemented the national highway system without national leadership. Every state's infrastructure also needs first-rate defenses in the form of strong, diverse resilient networks. That means a high density of small nodes and lots of pathways between them, so there are backups for nodes and

pathways that are not destroyed. We need redundant applications, backup processes and planning and training for network failure. Preparation also requires some old-school bench strength: analog systems in some instances, physical backups and manual options for operating systems. We can never forget, however, that cyber offense is more powerful than cyber defense all over the world. We need to get beyond the Maginot line mentality that we can prevent any attack. Clever forces will go around our lines. Someday it will happen, and none of our states has adequately come to terms with cyber weaponry against domestic or international targets. Finally, we need to anticipate and face up to how ugly a compromised system could be and rehearse what we will do when it happens. How would Connecticut handle loss of electricity for more than two weeks? No drinking water? Inoperable banks and hospitals whose generators have run out of diesel fuel? Perhaps the reality of a war whose arsenal includes cyber weaponry that could hit the United States — and any of our hometowns — will motivate national, state and corporate leaders to prepare for dangers that are increasingly at our doorstep.

Arthur House has worked at the National Security Council and for the director of National Intelligence. He chaired Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and was Connecticut's chief security officer. Currently he is an adjunct professor at UConn. He lives in Simsbury.

COMMENTARY

The week that awoke the world



David Brooks

Over the last several years, that famous poem has been quoted countless times: “The centre cannot hold,” William Butler Yeats wrote, before adding, “The best lack all conviction, while the worst/ Are full of passionate intensity.” People cited it so often because it was true.

But it was not so true this past week. The events in Ukraine have been a moral atrocity and a political tragedy, but for people around the world, a cultural revelation. It’s not that people around the world believe new things, but many of us have been reminded what we believe, and we believe them with more fervor, with more conviction. This was a convicting week.

The Ukrainians have been our instructors and inspirers. They’ve been the ordinary men and women in the New York Times video lining up to get weapons to defend their homeland. They’ve been the lady telling a Russian invader to put sunflower seeds in his pocket. They’ve been the thousands of Ukrainians who had been living comfortably abroad who surged back into the country to risk death to defend their people and way of life.

We owe them such a debt. They have reminded us not only what it looks like to believe in democracy, the liberal order and national honor but also to act bravely on behalf of these things.

They’ve reminded us that you can believe things with greater and lesser intensity, faintly, with words, or deeply and fervently, with a conviction in your bones. They’ve reminded us how much the events of the past few years have conspired to weaken our faith in ourselves. They’ve reminded us how the setbacks and humiliations (Donald Trump, Afghanistan, racial injustice, political dysfunction) have caused us to doubt and be passive about the gospel of democracy. But despite all our failings, the gospel is still glowingly true.

This was a week of restored faith. In what exactly? Well, in the first place, in leadership. We’ve seen so many leadership failures of late, but over the past week Volodymyr Zelenskyy emerged as the everyman leader — the guy in the T-shirt, the Jewish comedian, the guy who didn’t flee but knew what to say: “I need ammunition, not a ride.”

It wasn’t only Zelenskyy. Joe Biden masterly and humbly helped organize a global coalition. Chancellor Olaf Scholz of



Kosovo artist Alkent Pozhegu works on a portrait of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy made with grain and seed Tuesday in Kosovo. Over the past week, Zelenskyy emerged as the everyman leader. **ARMEND NIMANI/GETTY-AFP**

Germany understood the moment. So did Emmanuel Macron of France and Fumio Kishida of Japan. Across governments, businesses and the arts, we were well led last week.

There’s been restored faith in true patriotism. Over the past few years, we’ve seen so much sour ethnonationalism from the right, an angry and xenophobic form of patriotism. From the left we’ve seen a disdain of patriotism, from people who vaguely support abstract national ideals while showing limited gratitude toward one’s own inheritance; people who rightly focus on national crimes but while slighting national achievements. Some elites, meanwhile, have drifted into a soulless globalism, an effort to rise above nations into an ethereal multilateral stratosphere.

But the Ukrainians have shown us how the right kind of patriotism is ennobling, a source of meaning and a reason to risk life. They’ve shown us that the love of a particular place, their own land and people, warts and all, can be part and parcel of a

love for universal ideals, like democracy, liberalism and freedom.

There’s been a restored faith in the West, in liberalism, in our community of nations. There has been so much division of late, within and between nations. But now I wake up in the morning, pick up my phone and am cheered that Sweden is providing military aid to Ukraine, and I’m awed by what the German people now support. The fact is that many democratic nations reacted to the atrocity with the same sense of resolve. The same is true at home. Of course, there are bitter partisans who use the moment to attack the left for being weak or to accuse the right of being pro-Putin. There are always going to be people who are happy to be factually inaccurate if it will make them socially divisive. But at this point almost every member of Congress is united about our general cause.

That’s because we have learned to revile that which people for centuries took for granted — that big countries would gobble up small countries, that the powerful

would do what they could and that the weak would suffer what they must. Last week, perhaps, we’ve come to value more highly our modern liberal ethic.

There’s been a mood of democratic pessimism, as authoritarianism has spread and strutted. Academics of left and right have criticized liberalism. We now have a clearer view of the alternative. It looks like Vladimir Putin.

The creed of liberalism is getting a second wind. There’s a school of academic realists who imagine that foreign affairs is all about cold national interest, conducted by chess master strategists. But last week we saw that foreign affairs, like life, is a moral enterprise, and moral rightness is a source of social power and fighting morale.

Things will likely get even more brutal for the Ukrainians. But the moral flame they fueled last week may, in the end, still burn strong.

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America’s very peculiar perception of the economy



Paul Krugman

I’ve been on a few trips recently and took the opportunity to do a bit of naked-eye economic assessment. As I’m sure many people can confirm, planes are flying full, and shops and restaurants are jammed. It definitely looks like a booming economy out there.

That’s also what the numbers say. In his State of the Union address, President Joe Biden — while acknowledging that inflation has eroded wage gains — pointed to the 6.5 million jobs added last year, “more jobs created in one year than ever before in the history of America.” This claim was entirely correct.

Yet the public doesn’t believe it. According to a new survey by Navigator Research, only 19% of Americans believe that the U.S. economy is experiencing more job growth than usual, while 35% say that it is experiencing more job losses than usual.

You might be tempted to say that ordinary Americans don’t pay attention to official statistics, that what matters is their lived experience. But what people are actually experiencing in their daily lives is a very strong job market. For example, according to the latest survey from The Conference Board, 53.8% of consumers said that jobs were “plentiful,” a near-record, while only 11.8% said that jobs were hard to get.

And anyone who walks around U.S. cities can see the proliferation of help wanted signs.

The survey results on the job market are, as I see it, the final nail in the coffin of attempts to deny that there’s something very peculiar going on with how Americans perceive the economy, that there’s a huge disconnect between economic reality, which is mixed — inflation is a big concern, but job growth has been terrific — and public perceptions, which are weirdly dismal.

It’s not just the dissonance between what people say about their own employment prospects and what they say about job creation. The same dissonance is clear, albeit in a more muted form, when we contrast what people say about their personal finances and what they say about the state of the economy.

According to the long-running Michigan Surveys of Consumers, a plurality of Americans say that their personal financial situation is better than it was a year ago. This is consistent with estimates suggesting that despite inflation most people saw rising real income in 2021. You can quibble with the estimates, but it’s clear that no major group is substan-

tially worse off. And it’s worth remembering, for historical context, that blue-collar real wages declined steadily for most of the Reagan era, which didn’t stop voters from seeing that era as one of economic triumph thanks to strong job growth.

Yet if you ask people “How’s the economy doing?” as opposed to “How are you doing?” you get a very different answer: Economic sentiment has plunged.

You could argue that people hate inflation even when their incomes are keeping up, because it conveys a sense that things are out of control. And there’s surely something to that, although consumer sentiment is even worse than you’d expect given recent inflation.

But here’s another peculiar result from surveys: Long-run inflation expectations have stayed remarkably stable, suggesting that people don’t see things as being out of control. And again, inflation aversion can’t explain why people say that we’re losing jobs amid a huge employment boom.

So there’s something odd happening here, even if what it is ain’t exactly clear.

My experience is that many people in the news media go ballistic when you talk about the disconnect between economic perceptions and actual performance, either because they imagine that it shows contempt for ordinary Americans or because they take it as an assertion that they aren’t doing their jobs. In fact, I’m not at all sure what explains that disconnect. But it takes extraordinary intellectual contortions to deny that the disconnect exists.

And look, there’s plenty of evidence that public perceptions of society can diverge from reality.

Even the Michigan Surveys have noted that economic perceptions are now hugely affected by partisanship. This is true for both parties, although the effect is stronger for Republicans, who feel worse about the economy than they did in June 1980, when unemployment was above 7% and inflation was 14%.

So what voters believe does not always reflect reality. When Biden administration officials argue that they’ve done a better job on the economy than they get credit for, they have truth on their side.

And while I do not come here to bash the news media, I do feel that we’re missing a big part of the story if we take negative public views of the economy at face value without pointing out that they’re at odds not just with official statistics but also with self-reported experience. And we should try to understand where that disconnect is coming from.

Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

Progressive economic policy only gets harder from here

By Conor Sen

Bloomberg Opinion

The short-lived era of progressive economic policy making is dead. War in Ukraine has led to at least a short-term surge in the price of commodities like oil, and has made both inflation and national security more salient in the minds of voters.

Midterm elections are usually rough for the sitting president’s party, and at the moment a divided government is looking more likely in 2023 than the chance of Democrats retaining control of both Congress and the White House. But don’t look for 2023 to be a replay of the political environment we had in 2011 after Republicans swept Congress under President Barack Obama.

Back then the economy was struggling with high unemployment, but Republicans weren’t interested in increasing spending, which led to many policy fights over the next several years. So the U.S. got slower economic growth and higher unemployment than we would have with a more pro-spending agenda.

Here in 2022, the odds are rising that inflation will remain a concern while national security and energy security are front of mind for most Americans. Given that progressive ideas will probably get nowhere at this point, center-right policies supported by both Democrats and Republicans will get most of the attention. Here are a few I’d like to see emerge:

If inflation remains a concern in 2023, the body best-positioned to address it is the Federal Reserve. Rather than easing up interest rates, as they’re going to do this year — while keeping them below their estimate of neutral, 2.5% — they should become more restrictive, raising the Fed Funds rate to 3% or more.

There’s still time this year for supply chains to heal and pandemic-related factors to normalize, so it’s possible this won’t be necessary. But it’s also possible that it will be, and we should expect the Fed to move in that direction if inflation is still running north of 4% next year.

Congress isn’t off the hook when it comes to inflation, but many of the policies it could pass take years to play out, such as investments in infrastructure. But one policy that would help moderate a large source of short-term inflation would be a consumption tax on durables such as automobiles and household appliances. It would be an effective, though unpopular, way of reducing demand.

Durables comprise 13% of the consumer price index basket and have soared by 18.4% over the past year, when in most years they hardly rise in price at

all. Taxing these types of goods for some number of months or until their prices normalize would target a main area of inflation as an alternative to even higher interest rates. When prices cool down, the tax could be quickly lifted.

The intersection of national security and energy security is the most intriguing area where a divided government might come together. Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, a Democrat who hails from a state former President Donald Trump won by almost 40% in 2020, may best encapsulate this kind of politics. Manchin tweeted out on Wednesday a call for #AmericanEnergyIndependence now, linking it to national security.

Both Republicans and Democrats have room for agreement here. Weaning Americans off foreign oil in the name of national security might have been a pipe dream 20 years ago, but it’s plausible now. In the short run that might mean incentivizing domestic oil companies to increase production.

I’d consider going even further. We’re in a transitional decade when it comes to energy in the U.S. as we boost investment and production in renewable sources like wind and solar while remaining dependent on oil and gas. As we’re experiencing right now, disruptions in fossil fuel supplies remain incredibly painful.

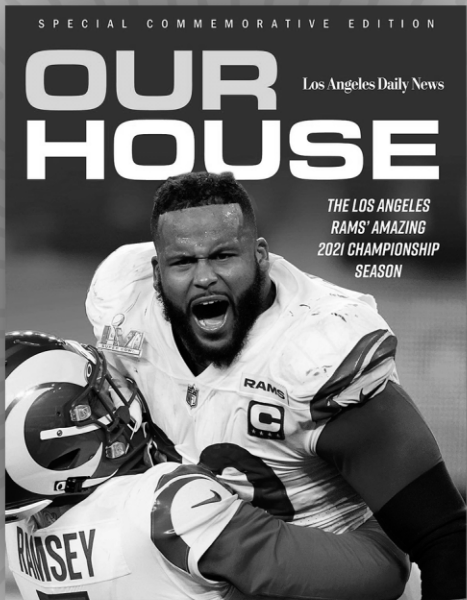
Utility companies have a regulated rate of return on their investments; we could use a similar guarantee to increase oil production, with the provision that the policy sunsets after some number of years when renewable energy sources have come online. To mitigate opposition from climate activists, increased investments in renewable energy and infrastructure would have to be part of the deal. Nuclear energy production should be on the table, too. As Germany has learned, phasing out nuclear energy before renewable sources can pick up the slack increases a country’s dependence on foreign oil — potentially from hostile nations such as Russia. That doesn’t make sense on either a climate or a national security basis.

This is the beginning of a list of potential center-right ideas, but it illustrates the mindset we should be getting into as we move forward. Political winds are shifting, national security concerns are on the rise and inflation is looking more persistent than first thought. There’s room for agreement to address these issues, but it’s going to need some buy-in from President Joe Biden, senators like Manchin and Republicans in Congress, rather than depending on a consensus of the Democratic Party.

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Eliza Doolittle (Shereen Ahmed) roots for a horse, as Freddy (Sam Simahk), Colonel Pickering (Kevin Pariseau), Mrs. Higgins (Leslie Alexander) as others look on, in “My Fair Lady.” **JOAN MARCUS**

By Christopher Arnott | Hartford Courant

To understand how Shereen Ahmed can morph herself from an uncouth flower girl into a cultured woman of society in the role of Eliza Doolittle, all you need to do is browse her resume.

Although she is now starring in the national tour of “My Fair Lady,” which finally arrives at The Bushnell March 8 to 13 after a COVID-induced postponement, her training ground for the part was in her home state of Maryland, where she played such outspoken, intelligent characters as Maria in “The Sound of Music,” Anita in “West Side Story,” Anna in “The King and I,” Christine in “Phantom of the Opera” and Princess Fiona in “Shrek: The Musical.”

But her Eliza was for Broadway in the major revival of Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner’s masterwork in 2018-2019. Ahmed understudied Eliza and also played numerous smaller roles in the long-running production.

Playing the indomitable Eliza, the Cockney street vendor who dreams of escaping poverty, is “all based on the language,” Ahmed says during a recent phone interview with The Courant. “I’ve always gravitated toward accents.

My father is from Egypt and has a heavy accent. I’ve always had an ear for it.”

Ahmed is the first woman of color to play Eliza Doolittle on Broadway and on London’s West End, but she says “my background doesn’t inform Eliza. Eliza’s background informs Eliza. Eliza is an English girl who grew up on the streets. I’m an Egyptian American, and I thought a lot about what does that mean for me? My father grew up poor. I also took a lot of inspiration from people around me.”

Defining moments for Eliza, as Shereen sees it, come in the songs “The Rain in Spain” and “I Could Have Danced All Night,” when “the audience sees her superpower, which is her voice.”

“My Fair Lady” is a bonafide American musical-theater classic, based on the play “Pygmalion” by British playwright George Bernard Shaw. It also has strong Connecticut connections. It had its world premiere at the Shubert in New Haven on Feb. 4, 1956, for a triumphant series of out-of-town try-out performances five weeks before it was on Broadway. The director of this revival, Bartlett Sher, was the associate artistic director of Hartford Stage in the mid-1990s, and is now a Broadway powerhouse who helmed major revivals of “Fiddler on the Roof” and “The King” (both of which toured to The Bushnell), and also directed Aaron Sorkin’s acclaimed new adaptation of

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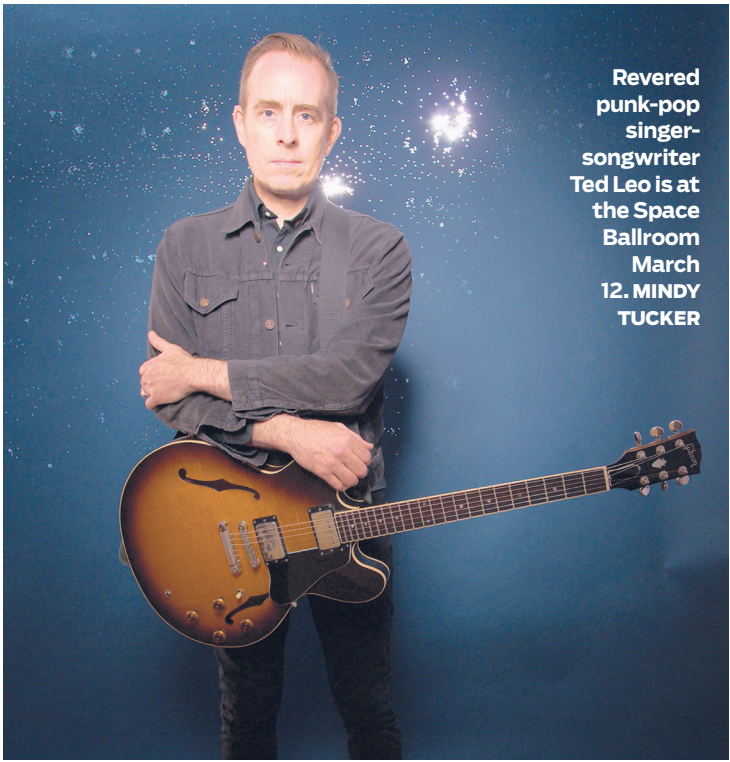
Ted Leo, Celtic Thunder and HSO

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

St. Patrick’s Day is next week, but Celtic Thunder and a “Luck of the Irish” comedy show let you start celebrating the Irish spirit early. The week’s not all green, though: one of the Moody Blues is here, Robert Cray is paying tribute to Sam Cooke, and Hartford Symphony is playing Mendelssohn’s “Italian” symphony.

Ride his see-saw

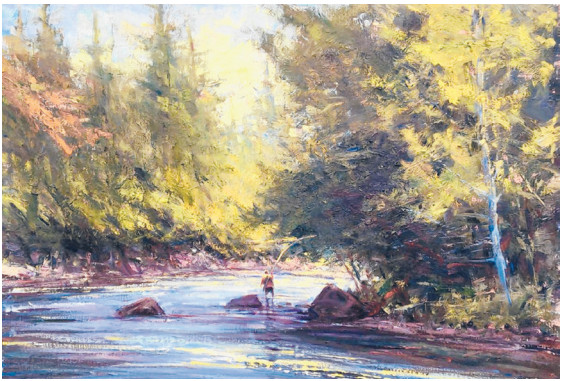
John Lodge may not be a founding member of the Moody Blues, but he became their bassist in 1966, just a couple of



years after the band formed, and wrote some of their best-known songs, including “Ride My See-Saw” and “I’m Just a Singer in a Rock and Roll Band.” Lodge is bringing his “Classic Moody Blues” solo tour to both Infinity Halls — the Norfolk one

(20 Greenwoods Road West, Norfolk) on March 8 at 8 p.m. (\$69-\$89) and the Hartford one (32 Front St., Hartford) on March 13 at 8 p.m. (\$59-\$74). infinityhall.com.

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“On the Saranac” by George Van Hook is part of the “Spring Into Art” exhibit at Susan Powell Fine Art in Madison. **GEORGE VAN HOOK**

Connecticut museums, galleries offering exhibits

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

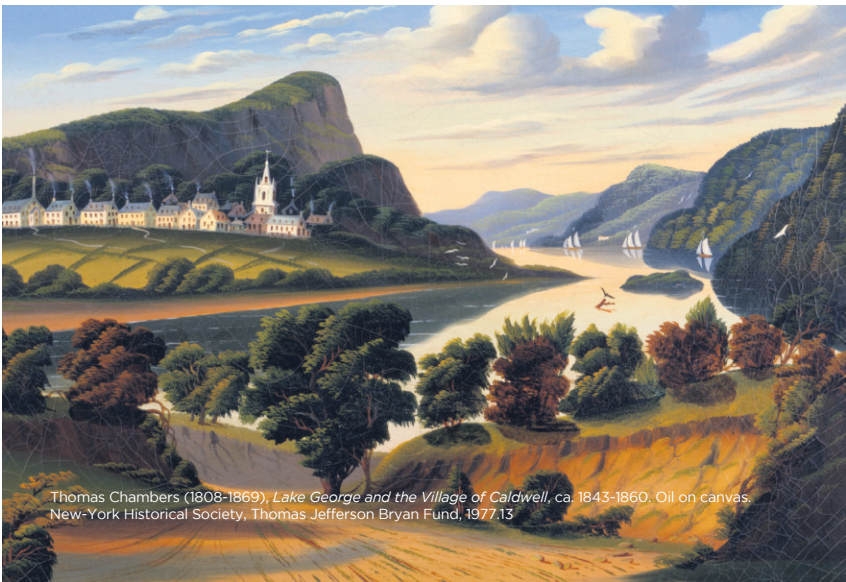
Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

Hartford County
Amistad Center for Art &

Culture, inside the Wadsworth Atheneum at 600 Main St. in Hartford: “Changing Lanes: Mobility in Connecticut,” a show of historic artifacts about the limitations of African Americans’ mobility, is up until April 3. amistadcenter.org.

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: “Steel, String, Spit Bite: Selections from the LeWitt Collection” is up until March 18. “Walter

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Thomas Chambers (1808-1869), *Lake George and the Village of Caldwell*, ca. 1843-1860. Oil on canvas. New-York Historical Society, Thomas Jefferson Bryan Fund, 1977.13

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Wick: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Happily Ever After” is up until April 1. “American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA” is up until Oct. 1. “Permanent Collection Installation: People and Places in America, 1960s to Today” is up until May 1. “Eva LeWitt” is up until Nov. 11, 2023. “The Poetry of Nature: Hudson River School Landscapes from the New-York Historical Society” is up to May 22. The Shantell Martin virtual reality space is now open. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: “Teeter/Totter Ken Morgan Peter Waite” is up until April 17. “Battlegrounds Elizabeth Flood” is up until June 12. realart-ways.org.

The Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery at Manchester Community College, on Great Path Road, is showing the artwork of the MCC Visual Fine Arts faculty until March 11. manchesterc.edu.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Athenaeum is Alexander Calder’s massive red “Stegosaurus.” In front of the Athenaeum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Athenaeum is Carl Andre’s “Stone Field Sculpture.” Also across the street from the Athenaeum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: “Albert’s Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s” is up until April 16. “Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health” will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are “Making Connecticut” and “Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut.” chs.org.

Galleries @ WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: “Inspiration: Blank Canvas Show 2022” will be up from March 4 to April 20. workspacemanchester.com.

The Ethel Walker School, 230 Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury: “Cave Wall Paintings,” a show of work by Aaron Caycedo-Kimura, and “Looking Up: My Hudson River Commute,” a show of photographs by Katharine Swibold, are up until March 19. “Vex the Ending,” a show of paintings by Steven Cabral and Tracy Hayes, is up until April 29. By appointment only by emailing calvarezdelugo@my.ethelwalker.org.

Kent Library, 50 North Main St. in Suffield, presents work by Bill Ferro from March 1 to 31. suffield-library.org.

West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road: “ARTBeat: Student exhibit from the West Hartford Public Schools” is up from March 9 to 27. westhartfordart.org.

Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave. in Hartford: “Invisible Suffering: The Art of Diana Aldrete” is up from March 11 to April 14. charteroakcenter.org.

Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Drive in Avon: “Tea Party,” an exhibit themed on tea, is up to March 26. artsfvac.org.

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.: “Words in Clay, Words on Paper: James Finnegan & Michelle Cotugno” is up from March 11 to April 23. hplct.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: The love-themed group show “Be Mine!” plus solo shows by Stephanie Rogers and by Susan Bradley, are up to March 12. galleryon-thegreen.org.



Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, presents “Beyond the Subject: Work by Fr. Michael Reyes O.F.M.” **MICHAEL REYES**

Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: “Nevine Mahmoud / MATRIX 188” is up to May 1. “Milton Avery” will be up from March 5 to June 5. thewadsworth.org.

Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: “Liliana Porter: Actualidades / Breaking News” and “Portraits by Gerald Leslie Brockhurst” and “Selections from the Collection” are up to March 12. usj.edu/arts/art-museum.

Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. in Hartford: “Beyond the Subject: Work by Fr. Michael Reyes O.F.M.” will be up to May 23. spsact.org.

Litchfield County

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: “Real & Imagined: Tamara Dimitri, Nancy Hayes, Susan Sharp, Lisa Warren and Joan Wheeler” is up until March 26. fivepointsarts.org.

The Sophie Gallery, 15 Water St. in Torrington: “Scott Ritter’s Churn and Flow” is up to March 26. theophiegallery.com.

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: “Earthly Dreams” and “Sol LeWitt: The Truth is Funny” will be up until March 19. Artists in “Earthly Dreams” are Carla Accardi, Moira Dryer, Ruth Duckworth, Pam Glick, Beverly Pepper, Laura de Santillana, Janet Sobel, Ursula von Rydingsvard and Betty Woodman. jamesbarronart.com.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: “Cool & Collected ’22” will be up until March 13. kbfa.com.

Furnace Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St. in Falls Village: “Winter,” an exhibit of work by Jimbo Blachly, Bettina Blohm, Yvonne Estrada, Johnathan Fabricant, Greg Goldberg, Carter Hodgkin, Vincent Inconiglio, Erick Johnson, Amanda Konishi, Kathleen Kucka, Stephen Maine, Susan Martin, Georgia McGovern, Holly Miller, Nicholas Moenich, Marilla Palmer, Jean Parks, Gelah Penn and Sally Van Doren, is up until March 20, weekends only. furnace-artonpaperarchive.com.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: “Colored pencil and pastel artworks by Marsha Altemus and assemblage and painting by Roger McKee” will be up to March 11. huntlibrary.org.

Middlesex County

College of East Asian Studies Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: “Strong Bodies for the Revolution: Pursuing Health and Power in the People’s Republic of China” is up to May 13. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: “Concealment” runs to March 13. Artists include Diane Ward, Dina Belyayeva, Nancy Dudek, Darla DiRusso, Greg Murry, Gwendolyn Quezaire-Pre-sutti, Regina Thomas, Lauren Mills, Elayne Marholin, Patricia Parente, Patricia Corbett, Ted Genard, Teri Glassman, Vincent Palladino, Stephanie Rogers, Ceal Swift, Claudia van Nes,

Dan Dahlstrom, Diane Rubacha, Gloria Nilsson, Kearen Enright, Ned Farrell, Colleen Reilly, Maria Johnson, Maryann Flick, Michael Fanelli, Paul Essensfeld, Paul Ramsey and Robert Thomas. spectrumartgallery.org.

Ashlawn Farm Coffee, 455 Boston Post Road in Old Saybrook: Digital artworks by Christian Rosstad will be on view from March 7 to April 10. www.eyemazenart.com.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: “The Crossing,” a juried group show, is up to April 8. hygienic.org.

Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Road: “A Spectacle in Motion: The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage ‘Round the World” will be up until March 27. mystic-seaport.org/explore/exhibits.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series “America: Over the Edge,” can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: “New London County Quilts & Bed Covers, 1750-1825” is up to May 1. flogris.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway: Photographs of Mexico by Quaker Hill photographer Sue Parish is up from March 4 to 31. norwicharts.org/exhibits.

LaGrua Center, 32 Water St. in Stonington: “Celebrating Our Region’s Emerging Artists,” a show of work by high school students, open on March 4. lagrua-center.org.

Chauncey Stillman Gallery at Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, 84 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: “Lennart Anderson: A Retrospective” will be up to March 18. lymeacademy.edu.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: “Norman Ives: Constructions & Reconstructions” is up to April 24. “Locations: Recent Work by Marian Bingham” is on view through April 10. “Unbeatable Women: Power and Innovation in the Work of Women Photographers,” is up to June 19. lymanallyn.org.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: “An Exhibition in Four Acts 1: Poetry of Motion 2: Black and White 3: Renewal: Visions of Spring 4: Wanderlust” is up to April 7. lymeartassociation.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: “Facing History: Social Commentary in Contemporary American Art” and “Remembering the Nut Museum: Visionary Art of Elizabeth Tashjian” are up until March 11. benton.uconn.edu.

Contemporary Art Galleries, on the campus of UConn in Storrs: “Rafael Concepcion: Where do I

know you from?” is up to March 11. contemporaryartgalleries.uconn.edu.

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs: “Beth Pite, Colorscapes” is on view. “Vilde Chayes / Wild Things: Childhood Through the Eyes of Maurice Sendak” is up until March 31. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits.

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: “11th Annual Artist Members Exhibit” is up to March 26. artscentereast.org.

Fairfield County

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: “Milano Chow: Prima Facie,” “Duane Slick: The Coyote Makes the Sunset Better” and “Karla Knight: Navigator” are up until May 8. “Amaryllis DeJesus Moleski: Portal Pieces” is up until May 29. aldrichart.org.

Silvermine Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Road in New Canaan: A show of work by instructors will be up from March 12 to April 15. silvermineart.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: “Permanent Science Galleries: Natural Cycles Shape Our Land” is up until the end of the year. brucemuseum.org.

Center for Contemporary Print-making in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: “A Show of Hands: Diane Cherr” is up until April 17. contemprints.org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: “Scratching the Surface: David Haislip” is up until May 27. still-rivereditions.com.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave.: “Beyond the Surface: Edward Holland, Will Hutnick, Emily Kiacz, Lizbeth Mitty and Erika Rane,” is up to April 30. hollistaggart.com.

Loft Artists Association, 575 Pacific St. in Stamford: “Lost and Found,” a show of work by new members, is up to March 13. loftartists.org.

Housatonic Museum of Art, on the campus of Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Blvd. in Bridgeport: “Making Your Mark,” a show of prints and drawings from the Hechinger Collection, is up until March 25. museum.housatonic.edu.

City Lights Gallery, 265 Golden Hill St. in Bridgeport: “Absorption and Reflection,” featuring work by curator Larry Morse with work by Adger Cowans and Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, is up until March 17. citylightsgallery.org.

MocA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: “The Westport Idea,” featuring selected works from the Westport Public Art Collections, is up to March 12. mocawestport.org.

Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield: “Adger Cowans: Sense and Sensibility” is in the Bellarmine Hall Galleries to June 18. “Seeing is Believing: Crossings and Transpositions, Part II” is in the Walsh Gallery at the Quick Center for the Arts to March 5. The artists are He Jiancheng, Xiao Yao Ning, Luo Biwu, Zuo Zeng Yao and Zhang Zeng Min. At the same time, “Ink/stone,” a show of 15 contemporary Chinese paintings and works on paper, will be on show. fairfield.edu/museum.

Windham County

Coffee Break Art Gallery in East Brook Mall, 95 Storrs Road in Mansfield: “Women in the Arts” exhibit will be March 5 and 6 and March 12 and 13, from noon to 4 p.m. windhamarts.org.

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: “Work by Ann C. Rosebrooks is up until to April 30. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

New Haven County

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven:

“Midcentury Abstraction: A Closer Look” and “Recent Acquisitions” are up until June 26. “Gold in America: Artistry, Memory, Power” is up until July 10. artgalleryyale.edu.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: “Bridget Riley: Perceptual Abstraction” is up until July 24. “Furniture at the Yale Center for British Art: A Selection” is up through March 27. britishart.yale.edu.

Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven: “Dyschronics: Work by Carolina Caycedo, Emily Jacir, Baseera Khan and Tsedaye Makonnen, will be up to April 16. artspacenh.org.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven: “Let Them Roam Freely,” work by Hong Hong and Darryl DeAngelo Terrell, is up from March 5 to May 15. nxthvn.com.

Buley Gallery at Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent St. in New Haven: “Salvador Dali Illustrates The Divine Comedy” is up to April 7. southernct.edu.

Gallery 53, 53 Colony St. in Meriden: “Through Her Eyes: Women Photographers of Connecticut” is up March 5 to 31. gallery53.org.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: “Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era,” “Children of the Elm City” and “Factory” are up until the end of winter. newhavenmuseum.org.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: “A Part of the Story: Michael H. Zack” is up from March 11 to 27. city-gallery.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: “An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury” is up until Dec. 31. “Mixmaster 2022: Juried Members Exhibition is up to March 16. mattmuseum.org.

Ely Center for Contemporary Art, 51 Trumbull St. in New Haven: “Undercurrents,” a group show curated by Kristina Newman-Scott, is up from March 6 to April 24. Artists are Richard Bottwin, Joy Bush, Robert Carley, Jeremy Chandler, Alexandra Chiou, Zoe Cohen, Rima Day, Brooks Dierdorff, Christina Dietz, Daniella Dooling, Scott Glaser, Priya N. Green, Laurence Elle Groux, Clymenza Hawkins, Steven Holmes, Katie Hovencamp, Ruth Jeyaveeran, Laura Kern, Colleen Kiely, Zofie King, Susan Knight, Elizabeth Knowles, Cindy Konits, Terrence Lavin, K’La Lawson, Suzanne Levy, Crystal Marshall, Melinda McDaniel, Melissa Sutherland Moss, Sarah Nance, David Van Ness, Caleb Portfolio, Sarah Schneiderman, Sarah Sipling, Yuli Sung, Mami Takahashi, Kelsey Tynik, Anthony Warnick, Elizabeth West, Marjorie Wolfe, Shiqi Wu, Yichen Zhou and Despina Zografos elycenter.org.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: “Pest Control: William Kent, Gar Waterman” is up to March 13. kehlerriddellgallery.com.

The Keyes Gallery at Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library, 146 Thimble Islands Road in Branford: “Shifting Tides: Art that Speaks to Ever-Changing Times,” work by Mary Elizabeth Marvin Peterson, is up to March 28.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: “Spring into Art” will be up March 4 to April 15. Artists include Kathy Anderson, Patt Baldino, Del-Bourree Bach, Paul Beebe, Peter Bergeron, Zufar Birkov, Stephanie Birdsall, Kelly Birkenruth, David Dunlop, Lisa Gloria, Tom Glover, Neal Hughes, Tom Hughes, James Magner, Leonard Mizerek, Jeanne Rosier Smith, Katie Swatland and George Van Hook. susanpowellfineart.com.

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Wouldn't it be lovely

Some of the greatest lines in any musical — including “I’ve grown accustomed to her face” and “The rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain” and “Move your bloomin’ arse!” — are all carefully enunciated in “My Fair Lady.” The recent Broadway production of the class-based classic by Lerner and Loewe, based on the George Bernard Shaw play “Pygmalion,” comes to The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, March 8-13. \$42-\$145. bushnell.org.

Boomer lives

With the title of his latest tour, “This May Be the Last Time,” Marc Maron may be dropping a heavy hint about how long he intends to continue doing standup. Of course, he continues to offer comedic musings on his extremely popular “WTF” podcast, and he remains busy as a TV and movie actor, from “GLOW” to “Respect.” Standup, however, was his original artform, and he’s brilliant at it. Maron returns to College Street Music Hall, 238 College St., New Haven, on March 9 at 8 p.m. \$45-\$59.50. collegestreetmusic-hall.com.

Laughs in Stafford Springs

The Comedy Craft Beer Tour has been bringing shows weekly to Four Seasons by the Lake, 51 Old Springfield Road, Stafford Springs. The March 10 attraction is Boston comic Mike Hanley, “and friends.” \$10. comedycraft-beer.com.

Cray meets Cooke

Guitar great Robert Cray is known for his blues and soul sounds, but he went in an intriguing new direction for his 2020 album “That’s What I Heard”: the R&B pop style of the legendary vocalist Sam Cooke. Cray’s at the Garde Arts Center, March 11 at 8 p.m., with opening act Kyshona. \$38-\$58. gardearts.org.

Femme it forward

The “Femme It Forward” is an empowering all-star soul/R&B tour featuring a slew of hitmakers who began their illustrious

careers in the ‘90s: not only Faith Evans and Mýa but the indomitable trios SWV and 702 as well. March 11 at 8 p.m. at Foxwoods Resort Casino’s Premier Theater, 350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket. \$49-\$129. foxwoods.com.

Thundering on

The latest Celtic Thunder theatrical extravaganza is “Celtic Thunder Ireland,” offering Irish standards from “The Wild Rover” to “Danny Boy” to “The Galway Girl.” March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville. \$29. mohegansun.com.

Mendelssohnmania

“Mendelssohn’s Italian” is the title of the latest Hartford Symphony Orchestra concert. Obviously, the composer’s “Italian” symphony is featured, but so is another of his greatest hits, his incidental music for “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” There’s also a contemporary piece, Kevin Puts’ “Flute Concerto” from 2013, with guest soloist Demarre McGill. Carolyn Kuan conducts. March 11-13 at The Bushnell’s Belding Theater, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. \$35-\$68. hartfordsymphony.org.

Where have all the rude boys gone?

Indie pop/punk legend Ted Leo has been touring through Connecticut since the ‘90s, with his earliest bands Citizens Arrest and Chisel. Leo unleashed his relentless energy and catchy tunes on stages from the Tune Inn to Rudy’s Bar to Toad’s Place. Still a powerful singer/songwriter, Ted Leo’s at the Space Ballroom, on March 12 at 8 p.m. with The Shellye Valauskas Experience and Tracey Gardens. \$20. 295 Treadwell St., Hamden. spaceballroom.com.

Irish standup

Kevin Bartini, Jim Mendrinos and Rick Younger are the three blarney-spouting stand-up comedians at the “Luck of the Irish Comedy Show” March 12 at 8 p.m. at Seven Angels Theatre, 1 Plank Road, Hamilton Park Pavilion, Waterbury. \$35. sevenangelstheatre.org.

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Shereen Ahmed as Eliza Doolittle, center, with Leslie Alexander as Mrs. Higgins and Kevin Pariseau as Colonel Pickering in the national tour of the Lincoln Center Theater Production of “My Fair Lady,” at The Bushnell March 8 to 13. **JOAN MARCUS PHOTOS**

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“To Kill a Mockingbird.” “I worked closely with Bart,” Ahmed says. “We had very deep conversations about the challenges of the show. People romanticize and fantasize ‘My Fair Lady’ in a way it’s not meant to be at all.”

In the wrong hands, she suggests, the relationship between Eliza and Prof. Henry Higgins (played on the tour by Laird Mackintosh) can play into, rather than openly question, issues of male dominance.

“It’s about the challenging circumstances of gender politics in the early 1900s and now” she emphasizes. “It shows how important reviving old musicals is.”

On a bet, phonetics specialist Higgins sets about turning Eliza into a well-spoken woman that can fit into society circles, a project she accepts as a way of improving her job prospects. Their relationship is not intended to be romantic; Eliza has that with a young man admirer named Freddy (played by Sam Simahk).

Henry Higgins and Eliza Doolittle “never sing a song together, or talk about a romantic future together,” Ahmed says. “Theirs is an intellectual rela-



Kevin Pariseau as Colonel Pickering, from left, Laird Mackintosh as Professor Henry Higgins and Shereen Ahmed as Eliza Doolittle.

tionship. We are really hearkening back to what was originally intended. We are getting back to Shaw.”

The tour was originally scheduled to be in Hartford in late April of 2021. The downtime from the pandemic was “a wild experience,” Ahmed says. “The transition was very different from when you’re ending a role and then doing it in a different place. I had 18 months off. I didn’t work much. I didn’t create much. And when I came back to [‘My Fair Lady’] I wanted to approach it in a different way, because I have changed so much. “When we started again,

Bart and I, and the company, changed a few things. We had a table read in August and some lines were landing differently. The misogyny in Higgins landed differently. We were playing in Houston, and there were women’s rights protests there at the time, and there were visceral reactions to the show. We began digging deeper than we had before.”

As Eliza herself puts it, “The difference between a lady and a flower girl is not how she behaves, but how she is treated.”

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Erica Nelson casts her fly in the Taylor River in Almont, Colorado. Nelson shines a light on the topics nobody talks about in her sport. RYAN DUCLOS

‘The tug is the drug’

Indigenous woman who teaches fly fishing is making the sport more welcome to LGBTQ+ folks and women of color

By Mark Aiken | The New York Times

‘I admit it,’ says Erica Nelson, one of just two female Indigenous fly-fishing guides in Colorado, ‘I’m awkward.’ Raised in Kirtland, New Mexico, by Diné parents (Diné is Navajo for ‘the people’), Nelson’s upbringing was far from traditional Diné — the result of the conversion of her ancestors by missionaries. ‘The church we attended, often several times per week, was nondenominational Christian,’ she says. ‘There isn’t a direct path to reconnect with our culture.’

Her childhood didn’t include much fishing either: just two outings with her father. ‘I hated it,’ she says. Still, learning as an adult, she found fly fishing inspiring and the necessary skills and knowledge — such as entomology; rigging and casting techniques; equipment maintenance and care; and the multitude of fish species — infinite. During the pandemic, Nelson began hosting a podcast to cover the less-celebrated sides of fly fishing along with more difficult and potentially uncomfortable topics such as underrepresented demographics and inequities in the sport.

‘It wasn’t really a welcoming space initially,’ says Nelson of fly fishing. Staff at shops weren’t forthcoming with information, and photos in gear catalogs were mostly of white men. She felt like an outsider in a sport she was coming to love. ‘Nobody looked like me,’ she says. Appropriately, she called her podcast ‘Awkward Angler.’

A diversity and inclusivity consultant, she is co-founder of REAL Consulting — REAL stands for Reconcile, Evolve, Advance, Lead — and she has partnered with the advocacy organization Brown Folks Fishing to develop an initiative called Angling for All. Anglers, outfitters and organizations who sign the Angling for All pledge commit to examining and challenging ways in which the sport excludes participation based on race,

gender identity or sexual orientation. Nelson makes no attempt to separate politics, socioeconomics, gender and race from fishing. ‘I identify as an angler,’ she says. ‘And I’m interested in people whose stories aren’t being told.’ This conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: It’s almost spring. What did you do all winter?
A: I fly fished. For example, on New Year’s Day, there was a high of 8 degrees Fahrenheit, and Colorado had just received about 100 inches of snow. We climbed through snow, sometimes post-holing up to our waists. At the river, we fished with 5-weight fly-fishing rods, and used small nymph flies like pheasant tails and zebra midges. Fish were rising, and all the pain and numbness from the cold went away. Later, as the sun went down, the temperature dropped and our lines kept freezing and it was too cold to replace any flies. When we couldn’t feel our toes anymore, we retraced our tracks back to the car to pop a bottle of Champagne.

Q: Who taught you fly fishing?
A: I learned by watching YouTube videos. And from Tinder. Seriously, flipping through profiles on Tinder, I noticed lots of guys had pictures of themselves holding fish. So I reached

out. I lived in Wyoming, so anyone I’d meet online would be three hours away. Some men, many of them fishing guides, were open to answering questions (and I had lots). After establishing some trust, I’d visit for a fishing weekend where I learned basic casting, insect hatch patterns, rigging techniques and equipment maintenance. That first fish is so many things: It’s excitement, accomplishment, reinforcement. They say the tug is the drug. It’s like gambling; you just want more.

Q: Your podcast is called ‘Awkward Angler.’ How awkward are you?
A: When I started fishing, I had these picturesque visions of big, long, dramatic casts like Brad Pitt in ‘A River Runs Through It.’ What I experienced instead was doing a back cast and hooking my fly in overhanging tree branches behind me. I fell on slippery rocks. It turned into a lot of patience, frustration and untangling. I caught more trees than fish. I didn’t know anything about how to handle a fish or properly remove a hook. It’s probably good I didn’t catch anything at first. On top of this, I’d walk into a fly shop and encounter no one like me. I started the Instagram account Awkward Angler to keep asking for advice, but also to connect with others internationally and across the U.S. Who else out there is fishing and looks and thinks like me? Is there anyone who is not a cisgender, white male? I ended up meeting women of color, nonbinary anglers, transgender anglers, anglers who are neurodivergent or with different physical abilities.

Q: Is there more diversity across the sport now than when you started?
A: When I started fishing in 2016, there

may have been brown people fly fishing, but I didn’t know any, and I never saw them. In the entire state of Colorado, there were no women of color guiding. Now there is a woman from outside Colorado Springs and me. In the wake of George Floyd’s murder, people have had the realization that racism does happen in this country, and it trickles down to fly fishing. Since the start of the pandemic, lots of new people tried fly fishing for the first time, and we started to see a shift in demographics. I’ve had people with marginalized identities such as LGBTQ+ and unlabeled folks, women, women of color reach out to connect and to express appreciation that I’m not afraid to speak up for us and our voices.

Q: What is the Angling for All pledge?
A: The Angling for All pledge involves a training curriculum in diversity, equity and inclusion and making a commitment to address racism and inequality in fishing. In 2019, Orvis, the oldest fly-fishing outfitter, invited some ambassadors from Brown Folks Fishing to its annual retreat in Missoula, Montana. We talked to their executive leadership team including their president, Simon Perkins. At first, they just listened. I think many companies want to take immediate action and quickly fix any wrongs with bullet lists and action items without pausing to do the more difficult internal work or reflection. Orvis was the first outfitter to sign the Angling for All pledge. Other organizations include Patagonia and the nonprofits Casting for Recovery and California Trout. Orvis reviewed their internal culture, catalogs, social media and marketing materials to explore how they might be contributing to the lack of representation in the industry.’

Explore underground at these caves and caverns

By Lynn O’Rourke Hayes
FamilyTravel.com

What lies beneath can be cold, damp and compelling. Learn about dry and wet caves, the creatures that live in them and the characteristics that create these natural settings.

Kartchner Caverns, Benson, Arizona: In 1974, two University of Arizona students and amateur cavers spotted a narrow crack in the bottom of a sinkhole. They followed the unusually moist air and discovered more than 2 miles of unspoiled cave

passages. The caverns, carved from limestone, were not opened to the public until 1999 and are part of the Arizona State Park system. Visit this living or ‘wet’ cave to experience stalactites, stalagmites, ‘cave bacon’ and small white helictites.

Luray Caverns, Luray, Virginia: On a summer day in 1878, the local tinsmith and several adventuresome friends were exploring the countryside in search of a cave. What they found is now one of the most widely visited cavern systems in the eastern half of the

U.S. It is perhaps most well known for its Great Stalacpipe Organ, a lithophone that produces tones similar to musical instruments.

Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave, Kentucky: This National Park in the hill country of south central Kentucky preserves the world’s largest known cave system and is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore 400 miles of vast chambers and complex labyrinths on a variety of tours designed to appeal to multiple ages and abilities. If you are not sure spelunking is for you and your family, consider the short, small-group Introduction to Caving tour.



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A medieval pilgrimage in modern times



Rick Steves

For over a thousand years, the cathedral towering over the main square of Santiago de Compostela in the far northwest corner of Spain has been the ritualistic last stop for pilgrims who've hiked here from churches in Paris and all over Europe. And for a thousand years, pilgrims — standing before this towering cathedral — have been overcome with joy and jubilation.

Walking the Way of St. James has changed little over the centuries. The gear still includes a cloak, a floppy hat, a walking stick, a gourd (for drinking from wells), and a scallop shell (symbolizing where you're going).

In recent years, the route has enjoyed a huge renaissance of interest, attracting more than 300,000 pilgrims annually. These days, most take a month to walk the 450 miles from the French border town of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port. The walk itself is a kind of hut-hopping. At regular intervals along the route, humble government-subsidized hostels called *albergues* provide pilgrims a place to rest for the night (bunks are generally free, though a small donation is requested).

In the midst of the Camino, out on a dusty trail pilgrims have trod for a thousand years, I meet pilgrims of all types. Prepackaged groups have clean, matching T-shirts. Each hiker is issued a mass-produced walking stick with a decorative gourd tied to the top and the requisite dangling scallop shell with a brightly painted cross of St. James.

Other pilgrims are part



The Camino ends at this cathedral, which holds the tomb of St. James. CAMERON HEWITT/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

of humbler, ragtag church groups from distant Catholic lands. Resting on a bluff, I'm passed by an otherworldly group that has shuffled all the way from Lithuania to the rhythm of its raspy, amplified chant-leader. Along with their rucksacks, the group carries an old boom box, various statues, and a 10-foot-tall cross. With their intentionally monotonous chant, they trudge slowly out of sight and then out of earshot.

Later, I stop in a medieval village — like so many ghostly quiet villages pilgrims pass all along the route. Its only “shop” is a vending machine cut into a stone wall. An old woman scrubs her laundry, bent over a convenient creek-side spot as her ancestors have for centuries. She

ignores a shepherd herding his gangly flock over a narrow bridge.

In this idyllic corner, pilgrims are eager to share their experiences. I met a bouncy flower child from Berlin — a 20-year-old woman hiking alone, singing to herself, and radiant with appreciation for this personal journey. She speaks to me as if she were a real saint come to Earth. Talking with her, I feel I've entered a Botticelli painting (and don't want to leave).

An Englishman I meet is doing the trail in three successive years because he can't get enough time away from his 9-to-5 job to do it in one 30-day stretch. While he walks, he reflects on simplicity. Nearly everyone I meet is having a richly rewarding time. I keep thinking how

a standard RV vacation — with its clever abundance of comforts — couldn't be more different from this chance to be away from the modern world with all that it entails.

Because the last overnight stop on the Camino is just 2 miles away from the city of Santiago, most pilgrims arrive at the cathedral late in the morning, in time for the midday Mass.

Like a kid follows a parade, I follow the pilgrims as they approach the cathedral. I try to imagine the mindset of a medieval pilgrim, so exhausted yet so triumphant. You've just walked from Paris — about a thousand miles — to reach this holy spot. Your goal: to request the help of St. James in recovering from an illness. Or maybe you've come to honor the

wish of a dying relative ... or to be forgiven for your sins. Whatever the reason, you know the pope promised that any person who walked to Santiago in a Holy Year, confessed their sins, and took communion here would be forgiven.

After weeks of hiking, the spires of the cathedral come into view and jubilation quickens your tired pace. Finally, you stand upon that shell in the pavement to gaze up at the awe-inspiring cathedral. Stepping inside, you squint down the nave and see the statue of St. James that marks his tomb.

Kneeling at the silver tomb, you pray and make your request. Then you climb the stairs behind the altar up to the saint's much-venerated statue — gilded and caked with

precious gems. Embracing him from behind while gazing thankfully out over the cathedral, you have completed the Camino de Santiago.

Whether you hike the entire route or just the last stretch, it's an experience that will stay with you forever. And, if you need an excuse to be thankful, consider that — unlike your medieval counterpart — you don't need to hike back to Paris.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Kang will take Cake Shake and Chicago

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Currently starring as Mary Hamilton/Poison Ivy on The CW's “Batwoman,” Nicole Kang said she's come a long way since her school days when she was studying to become an accountant. “I was aware that there wasn't a lot of Asian representation on TV at the time,” said Kang, who recently moved to Los Angeles. “I've loved Sandra Oh from the beginning and I knew about ‘Lost’ and ‘Hawaii Five-0,’ but that was about it. I didn't have many expectations. I thought that if I could just make a living as an actor, if I could do theater — which is what I had trained for the most — I would be so happy.” Kang stays in touch with her fans on Instagram (@nicolekang), Twitter (@nicolekang) and Facebook (officialnicolekang).

Q: Did you grow up in an Asian American community?
A: No, I grew up in Virginia — not a ton of Asians. I remember watching Blake Lively on “Gossip Girl” and seeing that impossible societal standard, so I always struggled a bit with being so different. But I've had a really rebellious spirit my whole life. When I got into this industry, I didn't really expect it to be any different from the life I had already experienced. I have friends who are Californians and grew up in predominantly Asian communities. And sometimes, I'm so jealous of their upbringing, because I always wonder what that must have been like and how nice that must have been for their parents, too.



“Batwoman” star Nicole Kang said she hopes to film another project in Chicago soon. JUAN RODRIGUEZ

Q: What was it like moving from Virginia to study at the New York University Tisch School of the Arts?
A: I thought Virginia was sort of idyllic. I had a really great upbringing. But when I moved to New York, I sort of had my coming-of-age story there. I was able to look back with a clear lens and say, “Oh, wow, I was tougher than I gave myself credit for.” In New York, everybody comes from everywhere. And it's actually there where I felt the most at home. It felt like I had come home. And that's something that I think I've carried with me. I'm now living in LA and it's my first time living on the West Coast. I like to remind myself that my community is out there and I have not yet finished meeting all of the people that I will connect with on a really deep spiritual level and who are here for me.

Q: Have your travels inspired your acting?
A: I'm an only child, so I have a lot of memories of being very solitary and entertaining myself. I liked doing anything creative to entertain myself. I liked to lose myself in my imagination. I used to love to go on vacation, because my parents used to go off

somewhere and I used to be able to do my own thing (at the resort). I would meet kids from all different places and mimic their accents or make up a story about where I was from. I would just create these different personas and then come home to my parents and feel sort of naughty about it. I have memories of that at this all-inclusive in Cancun where I learned a British accent and started a girl gang. We were going around the hotel asking for virgin strawberry daiquiris.

Q: You shot your series in Chicago for a bit, didn't you?
A: Yeah, we shot in Chicago our first season of “Batwoman.” That was one of the coolest parts. Gotham is such a character in our show and Chicago is our Gotham. Chicago's a big city that's got a great neighborhood feel. I went on that (riverboat) architecture tour three times. I would go to Portillo's and get their Cake Shake every day. I'm addicted to those. Oh, I love shooting in Chicago and would love to shoot something else there.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

When things go wrong with accidental bookings

By Christopher Elliott | King Features Syndicate

Q: I booked a prepaid, nonrefundable rental car through Hotwire recently. Then, a few days later, I booked another car for the same dates by mistake. I tried to cancel one of the bookings and request a refund. Hotwire refuses. Obviously, I can't drive two cars at the same time. Their system shouldn't allow someone to double book. I have used Hotwire for many years. Before this, I was a satisfied customer. Can you help me get my \$178 back?
— Robert Sharp, Swampscott, Massachusetts

A: You made two prepaid, nonrefundable car rental reservations through Hotwire. And they are, as you say, prepaid and nonrefundable. As a regular user of Hotwire, you should have known that.

But just how nonrefundable is nonrefundable? Well, I've talked to insiders at opaque sites like Hotwire, and here's what they tell me: If you make an honest mistake when you book through the site and call right away, they can work with you to cancel the overlapping reservation. But the longer you wait, the harder it gets to fix something like this. And yes, by nonrefundable, they really mean nonrefundable. Well, mostly.

Still, I think Hotwire should have a system to at least warn you that you're about to make a double booking. And it looks like Hotwire didn't send you a confirmation for your first reservation. If it had sent you one, this would be a borderline case that I couldn't have advocated. But it looks like a few things went wrong on Hotwire's side, too.

Look, plans change. It would be nice to see the travel industry adopt a 24-hour rule so that customers like you could fix problems like these. If everyone treated each other like travel companies treated you after a

nonrefundable purchase, imagine what the buying experience would be like. No returns on anything, ever. Buyer's remorse would become a national pastime.

I reviewed the email correspondence between you and Hotwire. Everything looked promising for getting a refund. A representative told you not to worry, agreeing that your second booking was a “mistake.” He added that Hotwire just needed to “verify” the refund through your car rental company.

Then you received bad news: “We can only process a refund for the other reservation if one of them was processed within an hour. But it shows here that the second reservation was booked after a few days.”

If Hotwire had told you up front about that, then you wouldn't have gotten your hopes up.

You probably already know this, but next time, you might want to avoid a nonrefundable reservation. You can find plenty of good deals directly through a car rental agency or on a site that sells refundable reservations, like Hotwire's sister site, Expedia.

I think a brief, polite appeal to a Hotwire executive might have also worked for you. I list the

names, numbers and email addresses of the Expedia contacts on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/expedia-customer-service-contacts/.

As I mentioned, this is a borderline case. You should have paid closer attention to your reservation and its strict terms. As an experienced Hotwire customer, you already knew that. At the same time, Hotwire didn't warn you about the double booking, it strongly suggested it could get you a refund and then let you down. I feel there's a case for at least a goodwill refund here.

I contacted Hotwire on your behalf, asking it to review your case. A representative responded quickly. “I just wanted to close the loop and let you know that we've canceled the double booking and issued a HotDollar credit for the second booking Mr. Sharp made in the amount of \$178,” a representative told me. That's a generous resolution.

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CELEBRITIES

Liu: Career ramp-up ‘exhilarating’

By Peter Sblendorio
New York Daily News

There was no turning back for “No Exit” star Havana Rose Liu once she began reading the freaky thriller’s script.

She remembers being captivated by the movie’s many twists and turns from the moment she started the story of a recovering drug addict who finds an abducted child after getting stranded during a blizzard.

“I started reading the script at night,” said Liu. “I was actually in bed reading it, and I only planned to read like five minutes of it. I was very tired.

“I found myself gripping onto my sheets for dear life reading this script and ended up staying up very, very late into the night finishing it. ... You’re just on the edge of your seat the entire time.”

Now on Hulu, the movie marks the first leading role in a feature film for Liu.

Her character, Darby, leaves a California rehab center in a stolen car to see her mother after she’s hospitalized. Bad weather forces Darby to spend the night with four strangers at a remote rest stop, where she finds a kidnapped little girl in the back of a van. Darby must determine who she can trust as she tries to figure out who abducted the child and how to get her to safety.

“This movie is jam-packed with surprises that even maybe the most avid thriller-watcher and thrill-seeker would be surprised by,” Liu said.

“This cast is extremely diverse, and it’s not even ... a part of what the film is about. It’s inherently people who are complicated and flawed (and have) traits that you really root for.”

The film serves as an adaptation of a 2017 novel by Taylor Adams, and is directed by Damien Power.



Actor Havana Rose Liu attends the premiere of Hulu’s “No Exit” on Feb. 23 in Los Angeles. EMMA MCINTYRE/GETTY

“When I read the book versus the movie, they contain all of the same ingredients, all of the same thrills, but in many ways they bake a slightly different cake,” Liu said. “What I think is exciting about that is that watchers or audience members who did read the book might still be able to be quite excited and surprised by what happens.”

The actor, who also appeared in 2021 action film “Mayday” and the recent romantic drama “The Sky Is Everywhere,” says it feels “exhilarating” to ramp up her movie career.

“I started off as a multimedia artist and performer in other ways,” she said. “I went into performance art and dance, a little bit of music, essentially the whole hodgepodge, and then I was street-cast for modeling and acting at some point in the past, like, three years. Since then,

everything sort of snowballed, and I haven’t even had a moment to process what that means.”

“No Exit” feels particularly relevant in today’s society, Liu said.

“Something about isolation has been on our collective consciousness recently,” she said. “Maybe it has to do with the pandemic — that definitely is part of it — but I think the idea of being isolated and being utterly alone and not knowing who to trust or what to do is something that anyone can relate to.”

March 6 birthdays: Actor Joanna Miles is 82. Actor Rob Reiner is 75. Singer Kiki Dee is 75. Actor Anna Maria Horsford is 74. Actor Tom Arnold is 63. Actor D.L. Hughley is 59. Actor Connie Britton is 55. Actor Moira Kelly is 54. Actor Amy Pietz is 53. Rapper Tyler, the Creator is 31. Actor Millicent Simmonds is 19.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Family’s Easter get-together may turn rotten

Dear Amy: For many years, I have invited my brother “Steve” and sister “Wendy” and their spouses to celebrate Easter with us.

It has always been a lovely day despite the fact that Wendy and our sister-in-law (Steve’s wife, “Cynthia”) don’t get along.

Frankly, Cynthia is a very difficult person and has made Steve’s life miserable much of the time, but they’ve been married more than 50 years, and she’s not going anywhere.

Problems reached the breaking point recently, and Wendy had had enough. She sent Cynthia a nasty text telling her off and saying she hoped never to see her face again.

I know that if I invite Steve and Cynthia this year, Wendy won’t come and even though I’d rather have Wendy, I can’t exclude my brother Steve. Any advice?
— *Devastated*

Dear Devastated: Invite everyone. No matter the provocation, your sister “Wendy” is at fault for sending an offensive text, which includes an absolute. Her choice to do this is not your fault or your responsibility, and when she did this, she should have considered the fact that “Cynthia” is a member of the family.

Let Wendy know that you are inviting everyone, as you always do. And if Wendy wants to join your party at Easter, she needs to figure out how she can see Cynthia’s face.

The Easter holiday is meant to celebrate rebirth, resurrection and the promise of spring. I hope Wendy takes this opportunity to apologize to Cynthia.

Dear Amy: My husband and I are good parents and grandparents.

We are always available when needed, and our relationship with our daughter and her husband is good.

The problem is that they never come to our home, even though they live only 45 minutes away.

Every time I have suggested that we take a family vacation together (one that I would pay for), they react with negativity.

We are not young and being with our grandkids is the highlight of our lives!

I think that our daughter believes that “family” is just the four of them.

We try to respect her rules and boundaries, but her behavior is very hurtful. Any suggestions?
— *Tired of Trying*

Dear Tired: I realize that some families take three-generation vacations, but for many hardworking parents, a vacation entails actually leaving extended family in place, while they break new ground and create memories with their children.

Once COVID-19 restrictions ease, you could explore the idea of taking your grandchildren on an Elderhostel retreat. These educational programs are designed for grandparents to enjoy alongside their grandkids. Check road scholar.org for adventures ranging from exploring Yosemite to seeing Broadway shows in New York City.

If the children are too young, you might start smaller and see if your daughter and her husband are willing to relinquish the children for a weekend

“staycation” at their home while the parents enjoy a brief getaway.

If that goes well for everyone, you can venture further afield, possibly hosting overnights at your home.

Dear Amy: “Quitting Time” wrote to you because she had been at her first job after college for four years and was wholly sick of it.

She’d found another job and expressed that she would love to make one of those viral “I-quit” videos, but acknowledged that it’s probably not a wise decision.

She asked for advice on how to quit.

Your answer went into great detail about the drawbacks of those videos, but you gave her no guidance on how to quit her job.

She should write a letter of resignation (not email).

Give two weeks’ notice. Don’t go into detail about what is wrong with the company in the resignation letter. Express appreciation for the opportunity to learn while there.
— *Liz*

Dear Liz: Thank you for supplementing my answer to “Quitting Time” with actual and practical advice.

In addition to sending a paper letter of resignation, however, I would also suggest sending notification of her resignation via email.

That way she knows that the resignation has been received and read.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): A social whirlwind could be spinning your way, one that will sweep you up. If any invitations appear in your inbox, you likely won’t regret saying yes! You could also be the ring-leader and get everyone together for some memorable fun.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): There’s a very professional energy to the day—whether or not you’re not on the clock. You can get serious about your goals. It should be easier than ever to achieve what you want without breaking a sweat. It’s a great time to build a vision board and clarify what you want to manifest.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): The world is opening up to you in a major way! It’s a wonderful time to step outside of what you know and seek out new learning experiences. If there’s a subject you’ve always wanted to know more about, now is the moment start. Signing up for a course is a place to begin.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A real breakthrough moment could be in store for you! This is about physical intimacy although it also lights up your major finances. Keep an eye out for some awesome windfalls in that vein, but don’t let money distract you. Feel free to get serious with a loved one.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Starting now, other people can be the key to your success! That said, this isn’t just about people — contracts and agreements are equally emphasized! You may want to sign your name on the dotted line of some important documents, because offers you receive might be worth their weight in gold.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Organization is encouraged right now — although knowing you, Virgo, you probably already know that. Enjoy the process and only break a sweat when you want to. Consider creating a game plan of ways to improve your health. Try to make it fun too!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today marks the beginning of a lovely phase for you, one potentially filled with all sorts of fun, hitting the starting bell on a whole new window for you to enjoy life to the max. You should put yourself front and center — you could earn more than just fifteen minutes of fame!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There could be tons of activity in your immediate environment, but you can still take it easy. If you’ve been hitting a wall with a roommate or relative, smooth matters out. Likewise, if you’ve become bored with your surroundings, this is a great day to start making changes.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The pace of your life is about to pick up! Friends will do all they can to increase the general excitement around you. You should make a point to get out and about and talk to the people around you. Thanks to powerful social energy, you’re almost guaranteed to have a truly exhilarating time.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You’ll have chances to both spend and save today. Any work you have shouldn’t be too difficult, so don’t worry that life is about to be a drag. If you’re hoping to increase your financial standing, then start looking for new opportunities! A golden one could appear.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Starting now, all eyes are on you! Don’t be shocked if it seems everyone is focused on you all of a sudden! It’s a great time to change up your look, whether with a total makeover or just a new workout routine, so decide what you’d like to improve or change.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Life might feel like a fantasy novel, so don your shining armor and get ready to adventure. This is an inspirational cycle, so be sure to stretch your creative muscles and give yourself permission to daydream. Something truly spectacular could bubble up to the surface.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SUDOKU

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

BOA ASP COBRA
VIPER MAMBA

JUMBLE

AGENDA GUITAR
BONNET HYPHEN
OUTWIT BLEACH

The number 1 said he was superior to the number 0 because 1 was —

BETTER THAN NOTHING

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell as Mexican forces stormed the fortress; the battle claimed the lives of all the Texan defenders, nearly 200 strong, including William

Travis, James Bowie and Davy Crockett.

In 1912, Oreo sandwich cookies were first introduced.

In 1964, Cassius Clay officially changed his name to Muhammad Ali.

In 1973, Nobel Prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck, 80, died in Danby, Vermont.

In 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of “The CBS Evening News.”

In 1998, the Army honored three Americans who had risked their lives to stop the slaughter of Vietnamese villagers at My Lai in 1968.

In 2016, former first lady Nancy Reagan died in Los Angeles at age 94.

ARTS&LiViNG

Just Desserts

By Maryellen Uthlaut

Across

1. Cause friction
6. 70-year-old morning show
11. Small, deadly snakes
15. Actor's goal
19. One way to gain access
20. Northern California town that once had a palindromic bakery
21. First thing lost in the "For Want of a Nail" proverb
22. Many a solo
23. Air raid signal, e.g.
24. *Fruity dish that imparts a healthy glow?
27. Significant Civil War concern
29. Run-throughs
30. Buzzers
31. Nuisances
33. Ball-bearing peg
34. *Blended drinks that leave something to be desired?
39. Resort area attractions
43. Certain something
44. River to the English Channel
45. Online message
46. Used (up)
47. Music : verse :: poetry : __
50. Rule, briefly
51. Indecent matter
53. Bring upon oneself
55. Casually shod
57. *Shortbread that doesn't crumble under pressure?
59. Shell-covered edible
60. Small valley
61. Tastes
62. Canada's most populous prov.
63. Snorkeling spot
65. *Pastry that doesn't live up to its hype?
69. Disney souvenir feature
73. Airport abbr.
75. Buds
76. Long, long time
78. Magna__ laude
79. *Slice that's easy to make?
84. "What's done is done," e. g.
86. Implanted
87. Rich deposit
- 88.__ constrictor
89. Cookware coating
90. Flock female
91. End of many a hammer
93. Kuhling of "Chicago Med"

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- 95. For fear that
- 96. Thigh-length outer garment
- 98. *Triangular confections that are a credit to their baker?
- 102. Tolkien creature
- 103. Is right for
- 104. "The ___ Must Be Crazy": 1980 comedy film
- 105. Thin-sliced, browned bread
- 109. Turkey choice
- 114. *Dish that's a metaphor for life?
- 117. Authority
- 118. Sauna covering
- 119. Many a retired racehorse
- 120. Off-the-wall

121. Draco Malfoy's trademark expression
122. It opens many doors
123. H-shaped letters
124. Cultural character
125. Test, as ore

Down

1. Dressed
2. Flagstick holder
3. Periods with names
4. Agitator
5. Menu listing
6. Keyboard pros
7. After-sandwich sandwich
8. Campus leader

9. Westminster show org.
10. "Boo-___!": cry of celebration
11. Balance sheet heading
12. Persian rulers
13. Cornmeal product
14. Tranquilizes
15. About 3.26 light-years
16. Space
17. Omani money
18. Alternatives to mortarboards
25. Gaelic tongue
26. First act?
28. Leaves in a cup
31. Twinge
32. Barely make, with "out"
34. Sadat's predecessor

35. Service break?
36. Farm
37. Calm
38. Hastened
39. Joni Mitchell's "___ Sides Now"
40. Break-in, nowadays
41. Needle case
42. Dried-up
45. Pooch with a turned-up nose
48. Zig counterpart
49. Star NFL player
51. Juniors-to-be
52. Calliope, for one
54. Memorandum
56. Welcoming wreath
57. Words on a spine
58. Acme cactus costume wearer
61. Crawling reptile
64. "Mirror of the mind": St. Jerome
66. Air 2 or Pro
67. Deli hanger
68. New Zealand parrot
70. Insight
71. Least courteous
72. Refines, as ore
74. Gemstone from the sea
77. Diarist Anaïs
79. Tiny time meas.
80. Field of Dreams home
81. Pitcher sans arms
82. Word with panel or screen
83. Holy animal?
84. Often blocked online lewdness
85. Magic charms
88. Archery items
92. Source of intolerance
93. "Just kidding!"
94. Sponsorships
97. Spider's network
98. Things beaten in searches, with "the"
99. Baptism, for one
100. Lobster catcher
101. Texas or Ukraine city
103. Pelvic bones
105. Work on papers
106. "... the ___-coloured ink": Shak.
107. Mexican wolf
108. "What ___?"
109. In the company of
110. Often-shared sandwich
111. Contacts can help them
112. Having set sail
113. Whig rival
115. ___ v. Wade
116. Well-worn track

SCRABBLEGRAMS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

To play: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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JUMBLE

By Jeff Knurek and David L. Hoyt

Tribune Content Agency

Unscramble these Jumbles,
one letter to each square,
to form six ordinary words.

to learn six primary words.

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SUFINO					
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NOCICI					
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CACURE					
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DOLUME					
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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Instructions: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS. D6

College friend’s family is not owed anything, even butter



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I am an older gay man and married my husband three years ago. A college friend, female, invited me, just me, to her family’s lakeside cottage for the weekend. I spent many wonderful times at that cottage ever since college. This friend’s entire family considered me family, right up until I got married. I invited her, her family and their significant others to my wedding, but they all refused. So they definitely all know I’m married. This is the first I’ve heard from her since then. I wrote back and declined the invitation, stating, “I’m sorry, but I haven’t spent a night without my husband since we married, and I couldn’t imagine doing so now. But thank you so much for thinking of me.” She sent me an incredibly nasty letter, stating that I should be able to travel without my husband to her family’s cottage that I’ve spent so much time in. There were lots of passive-aggressive comments about my never having shown proper gratitude whenever I spent time with her family. (I brought fresh clams, lobsters, corn on the cob and two pounds of butter every time I went to the cottage.) This friend has never been married. I did not answer her letter, as it was so mean-spirited, and have quietly removed her from my contacts as clearly the friendship is over. When mutual friends have asked me why I declined her invitation, I’ve responded that I

choose not to travel without my husband, and that since he wasn’t included in the invitation, I politely declined. I’ve asked those friends not to get involved, that this is between us and if it’s meant to be fixed, it will be. She hasn’t shown any interest in meeting my husband. I’ve invited her out to lunch and/or dinner and she’s always busy. I’ve taken the hint and will no longer reach out. I just want an expert opinion that I’ve done all I can and have done so correctly. **Gentle reader:** While not every social outing requires that spouses be involved, your friend has made her views about meeting your husband clear. Whether it is because of jealousy, personal taste or full-on prejudice, Miss Manners assures you that you need not include her in your social life if this is how she is going to behave. And you did so politely, especially given the circumstances. You may also be assured that her family’s generous past behavior has nothing to do with this current unpleasantness. You therefore do not owe her anything. Not even butter. **Dear Miss Manners:** On a trip to our local library, I used my elbow to activate the entrance door by pressing the handicap button on the side. I did this to avoid touching the door handle. My 7-year-old daughter said she thought it was inappropriate for me to use the button, as I am not disabled. I started to explain why it was acceptable for anyone to use the button — unlike parking in a handicapped zone, it’s not unlawful to use the entrance button — but then second-guessed myself. I began to wonder if my

daughter was correct: Just because the button is there doesn’t mean a non-handicapped person should use it. What say you? **Gentle reader:** Your 7-year-old has perfectly captured the zeitgeist of the moment. Righting wrongs — and there are always more than enough to choose from — is virtuous, if sometimes humorless. But inventing infractions merely to put people in the wrong is not. Your use of the button was not a trespass as it harmed no one. And if anyone is about to draw a parallel to the handicapped parking space by saying that it was not being used, Miss Manners answers that you, not being 7 years old, know the difference. **Dear Miss Manners:** Can you just ask everyone to please leave a toilet plunger by their toilets? I think I must have an unusually strong toilet at home, while some of my friends have weak ones. I never seem to clog the toilet at home, but always do at other people’s houses. It is so embarrassing to ask someone where their toilet plunger is. Do I sneak around the house looking for one rather than ask? Do I try to lure my host into a separate room to speak privately? Everybody, please, can you keep a toilet plunger by the toilet, or at least in a closet inside your bathroom? Then you’ll never have to talk to me about plungers again. **Gentle reader:** Deal. *To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.*

Finding solutions to fix jeans that have been stretched-out



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Does anyone else have as much trouble with cotton jeans with Spandex as I do? At first, they seem to fit, and then, after I wear them a few times and wash them, they feel like they’re going to fall off. I’m constantly tugging at them. Often when I feel this slipping and I pass a mirror, I can see that my jeans are all bagged at my ankles! I had one pair that actually listed to one side. Needless to say I had to get rid of them. Is there a secret product to shrink my jeans? P.S. — I don’t pay hundreds for big-name designer jeans. I buy all my jeans at mainstream prices. But this stretching out of shape so quickly is frustrating me. — *Mary F.* **Dear Mary:** Shrinking those jeans is not an exact science. And if there is a magic spray to do the job, I haven’t heard about it. I’m counting on readers to let me know if they’ve found a product that works. Meanwhile, here are some tips on shrinking your cotton jeans with Spandex or other fibers that give the jeans some stretch: ■ The less you wash them, the less the fibers will break down and lose their stretch. ■ Heat is crucial. Using regular detergent and fabric softener, turn jeans inside out and wash at hottest setting — even if the tag says don’t use heat. ■ Dry thoroughly at the hottest dryer setting. ■ If the above doesn’t shrink them enough, go nuclear: Boil them. When



Shrinking those jeans is not an exact science, says Answer Angel Ellen Warren. **DREAMSTIME**

water reaches a rolling boil, throw in the jeans (inside out) and keep boiling for 20-30 minutes. Do not cover the pot and make sure the jeans stay fully submerged. Remove the boiling hot jeans with tongs and dry at hottest dryer setting. ■ Try spot cleaning the knees and other areas that are giving you problems. Use a spray of three parts water to one part liquid fabric softener to moisten (not soak) the target areas. Keep all other areas dry. Run a hot iron over the moist areas then dry thoroughly at hottest setting. **Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** Is the color brown out of style? I have a hard time finding brown blouses and sweaters. I can occasionally find a brown pair of jeans, but they are scarce too. I love brown. — *Wanda H.* **Dear Wanda:** Brown is very much in vogue — literally. Vogue magazine online (vogue.com) answers your question with a story headlined, “Why We’re Wearing Brown This Season.” Basically, designers are tired of the more popular black, gray and navy neutrals. Thus, “From deep chocolate to light sand, the entire spectrum of brown is on trend,” says Vogue. And it’s OK to mix different shades of brown in one outfit. If you’re having trouble finding the browns you love, give it time. It takes a while for designers’ color choices to filter down to the more affordable mass market. **Now it’s your turn** *Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.*

MY PET WORLD

Watch for these symptoms of feline cognitive dysfunction

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: I read with interest your response to Kathy from New Smyrna Beach, Florida, who reported that her family’s 17-year-old indoor cat was keeping them awake with his nighttime howling. They reported that the cat had been crying “for years” after they went to bed but that the crying had gotten worse and escalated to howls. I was disappointed that you did not suggest that the cause of the changed nighttime vocalization could be feline cognitive dysfunction syndrome (FCD). As someone who has owned or fostered nearly 90 kitties over the past 60 years, I’ve had my fair share of super seniors, and many have developed FCD as they aged. Loud distressed-sounding nighttime vocalization and increased attention-seeking are pretty common symptoms of this disorder. There are other indicators of FCD, like getting lost in a familiar space or staring at a wall for hours along with behavioral problems like eliminating outside of the litter box, but I think it might be helpful for Kathy to discuss FCD with her vet as a possible cause of her kitty’s nighttime howling. There are several medications that can be tried to help reduce this behavior, like Prozac or Gabapentin. — *Marilyn, Canton, Connecticut* **Dear Marilyn:** I checked in with Kathy and in a follow-up email. She said: “There have been times when he acts as if he has had a stroke or something. He will stare at the wall for extended periods ... sometimes he sits in the corner and just howls. It’s heart-breaking but as he is almost 18, I figured there was little to be done. Am I wrong?” I told her he should be checked for FCD, but



The cause of an older cat’s changed nighttime vocalization could be feline cognitive dysfunction syndrome. **JOYCE VINCENT/DREAMSTIME**

she said he had been on Gabapentin for a year for a left paw injury and saw no changes in his behavior. While it sounds like FCD, he has also been less active as a result of the paw injury. In addition to the activities I suggested, I recommended she follow up with her vet regarding FCD. **Dear Cathy:** I have a 2-year-old female Shih-Poo. She is very attached to me until she sees an open door or gate, then she runs like crazy. She is fast and will not come when I call her. I try bribing her with her

favorite treat. She will run and look back to see if I am following. She will come back toward the house but when she sees me, she runs again. It’s all a game to her. What can I do to stop this behavior and get her to come when I call her? — *Evelyn, Longwood, Florida* **Dear Evelyn:** Your little munchkin needs recall training so she will always come when called. Part of successful recall involves her making eye contact with you every time you say her name. Begin by

saying her name, and when she makes eye contact, use a word, like “bingo” to acknowledge the correct behavior, and give her a treat. When eye contact is solid, call her by saying “come” or “here” in an area of your house where there are no distractions. When you are comfortable with her responsiveness, gradually increase the degree of difficulty by doing it outside while on a leash, then on a leash when a gate is open, etc. Train her every day for the next few months, and you should see improvement in her recall.

Dear Cathy: You should tell Rita from Boynton Beach, Florida, that, in addition to completely changing clothes in the garage, the person applying the chemical must remove their shoes and socks. If the chemicals are on the soles of the shoes, walking into the house in those shoes will spread the chemicals all over the carpets and flooring. They’ll never be able to remove the residue and the poor cat will never have any peace! — *Kathleen, Yaphank, New York*

Dear Kathleen: I assumed that when I said one should remove their clothes after applying chemicals to the lawn and before going into the house that included shoes and socks as well. But I should never assume. Thanks for writing. *Cathy M. Rosenthal is an animal advocate, author, columnist and pet expert. Send your questions, stories and tips to cathy@petpundit.com. Please include your name, city and state. You can follow her @cathymrosenthal.*

Eating disorders among men are on the rise

But they struggle to find help with a condition seen as a woman's problem

By Sarah Gantz
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — William Hornby looks straight into the camera, smiles and says: “Hi, I’m William and I am a man who is proudly in eating disorder recovery.” It’s the kind of public and unashamed acknowledgment the now 22-year old Temple University student wished he could have leaned on when he began his recovery in early 2020. The video has been watched more than 21,000 times since Hornby posted it on TikTok in December 2020.

An estimated 10 million men and boys have a diagnosed eating disorder — about a third of all reported cases, according to the National Eating Disorder Association. Yet because the condition is largely seen as a women’s health problem, men often struggle to find help. Treatment centers primarily cater to women. Clinicians are trained to recognize eating disorders among women, but often don’t pick up on the different warning signs among men. Even self-help is hard to come by, with far fewer men than women speaking out publicly about their experience.

As a result, men are on average sicker when they’re finally diagnosed and more likely to require hospitalization, which makes their path to recovery that much harder. “Often we don’t recognize they’re struggling until it’s too late,” said Brian Pollack, the founder and clinical director of Hill-top Behavioral Health in Summit, New Jersey. “They fall harder and quicker — or at least it’s perceived that way, because no one knows the signs and symptoms.”



William Hornby, a 22-year-old Temple University student, has spoken about his experience on social media in an effort to normalize men seeking treatment for eating disorders. JOSE F. MORENO/THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

There are good reasons resources are dedicated to treating eating disorders among women. The cultural ideals for many American women — tall, thin, beautiful — have contributed to generations of eating disorders, especially anorexia, among women and girls who felt immense pressure to resemble the Barbie dolls they played with and models they saw in magazines.

Clothing designers are increasingly including models of all sizes in their advertisements, children’s movies feature heroines who don’t wear crowns and corsets, and dolls with realistic body proportions line toy store shelves. But there’s still a long way to go to undo such ingrained ideas about body image.

At the same time, clinicians are grappling with how to better support men and boys experiencing body-image problems.

For men, movies and music that conflate masculinity with ripped physiques or lean, toned bodies can contribute to eating disorders. Gym culture — working out hard, eating nothing but lean protein, then celebrating with indulgent “cheat day” meals — encourages a pattern of food restriction and binge eating.

“Behaviors might look the same [in men and women] but cognitive drivers are different and that’s linked to different body ideals,” said Stuart Murray, the director of the University of Southern California’s eating disorders program and a founder of the National Eating Disorders Association.

Men also perceive their eating behavior differently, which requires medical professionals to take a different approach to talking to men about these issues. For instance, binge eating is considered a loss

of control. However, men who are taught to always be in control may not view their binge-restrict eating patterns that way, Murray said.

Because eating disorders have been cast as a female problem, men may not recognize that their relationship with food is also troubled. Those who do realize they have a problem may not know where to turn for help.

With an overwhelmingly a female clientele, treatment centers often have a feminine aesthetic and programmatic approach to discussing eating disorders that doesn’t resonate with men, Pollack said.

Improving eating disorder treatment for men must be about more than making them feel comfortable speaking out. The medical field must evolve to include men in clinical trials to understand the effectiveness of existing and future medications and therapies

among men.

“The provider has to rely on data drawn from predominantly female samples. You have to kind of wing it and assume that the treatment that’s worked for females will work for males,” Murray said.

Until about 10 years ago, the criteria a person needed to meet in order to be formally diagnosed with an eating disorder included loss of menstrual cycle — a physiological impossibility for men.

Changing that criteria opened up new funding opportunities for studying and tracking eating disorders among men, but the field is still catching up.

Less than 1% of studies about eating disorders have involved men, said Murray, who has extensively studied the dearth of resources for men.

Researchers are learning that while influenced by personal circumstance,

social media and popular culture, some people may be genetically predisposed to be vulnerable to eating disorders. Future treatments could involve therapies that retrain neural pathways in the brain, essentially reteaching the brain how to think about food and body image.

Clinical studies for these treatments, especially, must include men, whose brains work differently than women’s, Murray said.

“We’re standing at the precipice of repeating history,” he said.

With help from a therapist and dietitian, Hornby has established nutritious eating habits and healthier expectations of his body. In late 2020, he decided to start posting videos and messages on TikTok and Instagram, offering encouragement to people who may not even realize they need it.

He has posted hundreds of short videos with messages like “coffee is not a meal and neither is the milk in your coffee,” “your body isn’t addicted to carbohydrates, it just needs them” and “you aren’t faking your eating disorder if it’s happening when no one’s around” that have earned him hundreds of thousands of social media followers.

Sharing such a personal experience is scary and at first, he feared people would think he was making it up for attention, he said. But the messages he receives from others who have found comfort in his posts are encouraging and have helped him maintain his progress.

“Every single day, I get messages from people telling me my content is what gave them the push to ask for help ... it’s incredibly meaningful,” he said. “It can serve as a reminder that these are not rational thoughts people are having. Then when I have those same thoughts later in the day, it holds me accountable.”

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

According to CDC, flu activity this year is below ‘baseline’

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: I opted not to get a flu shot this year, because I have been staying away from people and wearing a mask when I go shopping. I figured that if I caught influenza, I could ask my doctor for one of the flu pills. Unfortunately, I cannot remember the names. What is the rate of infection like this year?

A: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, flu activity this year is below “baseline.” Last year, there was almost no influenza. That was probably a result of the measures people took to avoid COVID-19. The two oral antiviral drugs against influenza are oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and baloxavir (Xofluza). The CDC reports that both are effective against this year’s influenza strains. Taken soon after symptoms start, each can shorten the duration of flu by about a day or two.

Q: Have any studies been done about the safety of taking calcium for reflux? I take at least four 500 milligram generic tablets a day for my GERD. These keep the heartburn under control. Usually, I take two at bedtime so I won’t wake up with a bellyache. I’ve been doing this for years, since I do not want to take a drug like Nexium. Will I regret this?

A: The calcium carbonate you take is intended for short-term symptomatic relief. Each 500 milligram tablet supplies 200 milligram of elemental calcium, so four would provide about 800 milligram in a day. That is within the recommended dietary allowance of 1,000 milli-



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gram for adult men up to 70 years old. (Women over 50 and men over 70 are advised to get 1,200 milligrams daily; to get this much, most people will need a supplement of some sort.)

What we don’t know is the long-term safety of calcium supplementation. A meta-analysis of 13 double-blind, placebo-controlled trials found that women taking calcium supplements were 15% more likely to develop cardiovascular disease (Nutrients, Jan. 26, 2021). A study published in the journal Gut (March 1, 2018) reported a connection between calcium plus vitamin D supplements and precancerous colon polyps.

The volunteers in this controlled trial were taking 1,200 milligrams of elemental calcium plus 1,000 IU of vitamin D3. It took six to 10 years for this complication to show up. You may want to consider some other strategies for controlling your heartburn.

Q: You probably saved my life with your article about lipoprotein Lp(a). All four grandparents and both

parents had a heart attack or stroke. I had never heard of Lp(a) and now I know it is an important risk factor for clogged arteries. In Robert Kowalski’s 2002 book “The New 8-Week Cholesterol Cure,” he quotes numerous studies where SR (sustained release) niacin lowers Lp(a). I have begun taking it. My husband has taken niacin for years under medical supervision.

A: Lp(a) is a serious genetic risk factor for heart disease and stroke. Cardiologists have known for almost 60 years that this blood lipid is probably as dangerous as LDL cholesterol.

Niacin is one of the few drugs that can lower Lp(a). Statins may actually raise this risk factor (European Heart Journal, June 21, 2020). A traditional “heart healthy” low-fat diet does not change Lp(a) levels. New research shows, however, that a low-carb diet can reduce this worrisome risk factor (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, January 2022).

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com

Q&A

Mayo Clinic

Q: I am a mom of three kids under 10, and I have struggled with weight loss for years. I am challenged between family and work obligations to maintain a healthy lifestyle. I always start off strong, but then I get overwhelmed and stop. Last month, despite trying to eat right and working out daily, I gained weight after two weeks instead of losing it. And then if I miss several days at the gym, I start wondering what’s the point. I feel as if I am in a constant battle with myself to live better. Do you have any advice for helping to stay motivated?

A: Life can be busy, as you juggle kids, work and family, along with many other obligations. Understandably, this hectic pace can make it difficult to cook a healthy meal or find time to workout and take care of yourself. The side effects of this behavior often can be an increase in body weight or a standstill when it comes to losing pounds.

Adding insult to injury, yo-yo weight losses and gains can cause such issues as prediabetes with borderline cholesterol levels or prehypertensive blood pressure. Justifiably, this can cause higher levels of stress, guilt and depression, and lead to negative behavior like comfort eating and additional weight gain.

When I talk to patients, I find that people often come up with a plan to lose the weight that includes things such as:

- Ridding homes of any desserts, candy, soda and processed food.
- Promising to buy and eat only whole foods made from scratch.
- Going to the gym five or more days a week and working out for an hour each time.

Simplify goals for success



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- Hiring a life coach to help get their life together.
- Reducing work stress. Does this sound familiar?

Most people start out strong and do OK for three to four weeks, but then they slowly revert to old habits that leave them with excess pounds and feeling discouraged. Once they get motivated to try again, they do, but the cycle tends to repeat itself.

I recommend simplifying your goals. Adjust your outlook of better health to break the vicious cycle of exercise and diet plans that aren’t sustainable. Start with a few small things that are realistic given your lifestyle, work and family needs.

Select and focus on one simple thing you can change today. For instance, identify a single thing related to your diet, such as cutting out sugary drinks and increasing your water intake. If you are someone who drinks multiple sodas daily, you can lose upward of 10 pounds a year by reducing your intake by one soda per day, even if you change nothing else. This is a perfect example of creating success for yourself by just changing one thing.

Another idea would be to eat a salad every other day with a meal. This can be something you

can easily manage and feel successful with. Just remember not to overload it with dressing. Or instead of grabbing a handful of chips for a snack, grab an apple or a cheese stick.

Over time, one change will lead to another. As you implement healthy things into your routine, you will build more success. And that success will make these lifestyle changes sustainable.

With respect to physical activity, take a moment to focus on the amount of physical activity per week you want to aim for rather than a number of days at the gym. Ideally, we know that for optimal cardiac health and weight loss, the recommended amount of moderate physical activity is about 175 minutes a week. Although that translates to about five sessions of 30 minutes of aerobic exercise, start smaller.

If you give yourself some grace to find something that works, you can then build on it until it’s more sustainable.

— *Graham King, M.D., Family Medicine, Mayo Clinic Health System, Mankato, Minnesota*

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In essays, Polley sorts out personal stories

Title based on doctor’s advice, but accident wasn’t inspiration

By Dave Itzkoff
The New York Times

It’s been more than six years since Sarah Polley was struck on the head by a fire extinguisher, one that was unwisely hung over a lost-and-found box at her local community center, leaving her with a debilitating concussion.

When its symptoms were at their worst, Polley, the preternaturally poised actor (“The Sweet Hereafter”) and filmmaker of probing dramas (“Away From Her,” “Take This Waltz”), could not concentrate on her family or her screenwriting. She suffered headaches and nausea, brought on by everyday levels of light and sound.

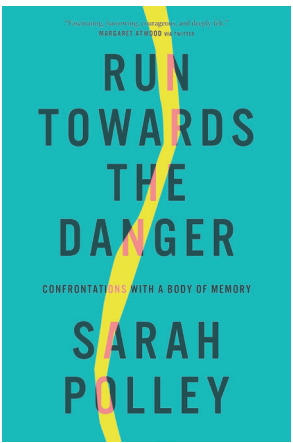
But over a period of nearly four years, she recuperated, emerging with restored focus — and with an upgraded philosophical outlook that has infused nearly every aspect of her life.

“When people say, ‘Are you better?’, I’m like, I’m better than I was before the concussion,” she said recently, almost in disbelief at her own words.

Her newfound perspective arises from her work with a doctor who instructed her not to retreat from the activities that triggered her symptoms but to seek them out and embrace the discomfort they caused.

That guidance provides the title for Polley’s first book, “Run Towards the Danger,” a collection of autobiographical essays recently released by Penguin Press.

The essays often link moments from her childhood, adolescence and adulthood, spanning her experiences as an artist and entertainer, a



‘Run Towards the Danger’
By Sarah Polley, Penguin

mother, a daughter and a woman. What they have in common, she said, is that they chronicle events “from the past that have been fundamentally changed by my relationship to them in the present.”

“They were things I didn’t talk about, because I didn’t know what the stories even were,” added Polley, 43. “Part of this is figuring out, what the hell happened?”

That includes her account of the concussion and her recovery, and although that accident was not her inspiration for writing “Run Towards the Danger” — “It’s a bit messier and more complex than that” — Polley said the book’s contents were informed by the paradigm-shifting worldview her treatment yielded and its exhortation to confront sources of pain.

“The thing that will get you better is moving towards the things you’re avoiding,” she said. “But it’s kind of exhilarating, realizing that whatever story you’ve been telling about yourself — and everyone

tells those stories — isn’t you. That got exploded for me as this prison I was living in.”

In its first chapter, “Run Towards the Danger” offers a melancholy reflection on Polley’s teenage struggles with scoliosis, her body horror juxtaposed with several anxious, frustrating months spent playing the lead in a Stratford Festival production of “Alice Through the Looking Glass.”

Her mother died of cancer when Polley was 11; her father sank into a depression, and by age 14, she had left home to move in with an older brother’s ex-girlfriend and largely figure out the world for herself.

This entry, titled “Alice, Collapsing,” is one that Polley said she had made multiple attempts at completing since she was 19. “That essay’s written by four different people,” she said.

Polley also revisits her work as a child actor in an essay called “Mad Genius,” about the making of Terry Gilliam’s 1988 fantasy “The Adventures of Baron Munchausen.” That film, for which she was cast at age 8 to play the Baron’s young companion, Sally Salt, left her deeply traumatized.

For one battle scene, she was repeatedly made to run a terrifying gantlet of explosives and debris. She jammed cotton balls into her ears to drown out the noise. Another action sequence sent her to the hospital when a detonation startled a horse, causing it to thrust an explosive device in Polley’s direction.

In the essay, Polley reproduces an email exchange she had with



Actor and filmmaker Sarah Polley, who is seen Feb. 3 in Toronto, has released a new essay collection, “Run Towards the Danger.” **JAMIE CAMPBELL/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Gilliam several years later, writing to him that “i was pretty furious at you for a lot of years,” although she says that “the adults who should have been there to protect me were my parents, not you.” (Gilliam replies with an apology for the chaotic film shoot, writing, “Although things might have seemed to be dangerous, they weren’t.”)

Polley is hardly a novice when it comes to untangling knotty personal narratives in front of an audience. She previously

directed the 2012 documentary “Stories We Tell,” which used interviews with her family members and reenactments to reveal that her own birth had been the result of her mother’s affair with a man who was not the father who raised her.

Now, as a wider world discovers the sides of herself she reveals in “Run Towards the Danger,” Polley said that her sharing these stories doesn’t necessarily mean she is done with them — or that they

are done with her, either.

“There is just this messiness to the human experience that’s extraordinarily inconvenient if you’re trying to tell one story about it,” she said. “As I get older, I’m realizing it’s OK for stories to be messy or go down circuitous paths that don’t lead anywhere.”

She added: “We create these clean narratives to make sense of our basically bewildering lives. Hopefully, over time, we can loosen our iron grip and let other complexities in.”

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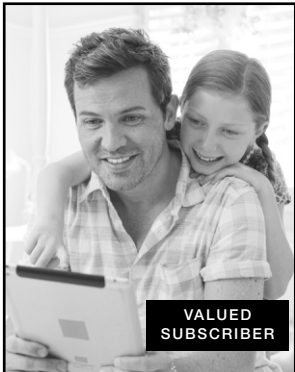
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FICTION REVIEWS

Elegant, timely test from Morrison



‘Recitatif’
By Toni Morrison; Alfred A. Knopf, 40 pages, \$16.



‘The Paris Apartment’
By Lucy Foley; William Morrow, 368 pages, \$28.99.

Two little girls meet in a children’s shelter sometime in the 1950s. They spend four months as roommates there and then meet again randomly as they grow up. One girl is Black, the other is white, but the reader of “Recitatif,” Toni Morrison’s only short story, never knows which is which.

The story is a dazzling display of literary skill in which every word is finely honed to keep the reader guessing, and it’s also a test of the reader: Why is it so profoundly important to us to know a character’s race?

Morrison, who died in 2019, wrote “Recitatif” in 1980. The story has appeared in anthologies, but now Knopf has published it as an elegant stand-alone book.

The new edition has an introduction by novelist and essayist Zadie Smith. The introduction is terrific and insightful and well worth reading, but it is also one giant spoiler.

Please read the story first. It’s not that Smith answers the question of which girl is which race — she doesn’t know, either — but that her explication is so thorough that reading it first would preempt to some degree the story’s emotional impact.

And the story has plenty of that, from its opening lines: “My mother danced all night and Roberta’s was sick. That’s why we were taken to St. Bonny’s.”

The narrator is 8-year-old Twyla, and her initial response to Roberta is revulsion. But they bond over what they have in common: fear and confusion, loneliness, lousy grades and the discovery that “nobody else wanted to play with us because we weren’t real orphans with beautiful dead parents in the sky. We were dumped.”

Eventually, each girl returns to her mother. Morrison brings them together as adults several times, with a mixture of tension and old affection. In the late 1960s, Roberta

stops at a diner where Twyla is working, and they have a frosty exchange. A few years later they run into each other in an upscale grocery store and discover they live in neighboring towns.

Twyla and Roberta see each other next when schools in their community desegregate, and they end up in opposite picket lines. The story ends with their chance meeting one Christmas Eve.

With each detail — the families they make, the neighborhoods they live in, the attitudes they express — Morrison keeps us off balance about each woman’s race. It’s a timely story in a nation where race carries the weight of so much of what we think we know about people who bear a different skin. If we could not know another person’s race, how would we treat them, and how would they treat us? — *Colette Bancroft, Tampa Bay Times*

It seems the pandemic has altered the publishing calendar as well. That’s at least one explanation for why a juicy beach read like “The Paris Apartment” dropped in the cold month of February. But whether you pack it away for a trip to warmer weather or read it indoors by a fire, the pages were definitely written to be turned quickly.

In her third thriller,

Lucy Foley keeps you guessing with multiple first person narrators and short chapters designed to leave you hanging. The star of this twisted tale is Jess, arriving in Paris from London to visit her half-brother, Ben. Turns out Ben is missing, and Jess can’t get any answers from the denizens of number 12, rue des Amants.

The back cover of the book splashes short descriptions of the characters like they’re the stars of “Gilligan’s Island.” There’s Sophie, “the socialite;” Nick, “the nice guy;” Antoine, “the alcoholic;” Mimi, “the girl on the verge;” and “the concierge.” Of course, they’re all suspicious and can’t be trusted, even when they’re narrating their own chapters. But Jess is quite the amateur detective, piecing things together like a much younger and more fashionable Miss Marple.

Fans of whodunits may very well sleuth it out before the denouement, but that doesn’t make the journey any less enjoyable. — *Rob Merrill, Associated Press*

Note to readers: Because of technical problems at BookScan, Publishers Weekly could not provide this week’s National Best-sellers lists by press time.

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SPORTS

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WOMEN'S BIG EAST QUARTERFINALS UCONN 84, GEORGETOWN 38

Huskies smother Hoyas, head to semis

BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Quarterfinals - Saturday

- No. 1 UConn 84, No. 9 Georgetown 38
- No. 5 Marquette 105, No. 4 DePaul 85
- No. 2 Villanova 76, No. 7 St. John's 52
- No. 3 Creighton vs. No. 6 Seton Hall, late

Semifinals - Sunday

- No. 1 UConn vs. No. 5 Marquette, 3 p.m., FS1
- Villanova vs. Creighton/Seton Hall winner, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Championship

- Monday, 8 p.m., FS1



In her third game back from a knee injury, Paige Bueckers got more involved, with 16 points, five rebounds and four assists in UConn's 84-38 win over Georgetown on Saturday. JESSICA HILL/AP

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — The UConn women came into the Big East Tournament firing on all cylinders, and we're not talking about a V-6 any more, or even a V-8.

The Huskies are moving more like a nine-cylinder, if such an odd number existed in high-powered sports cars, and that was far too much firepower for Georgetown. With coach Geno Auriemma running fresh players in and out, UConn overwhelmed the Hoyas 84-38 Saturday in the conference quarterfinals at Mohegan Sun.

"The talent of UConn took over," Georgetown coach James Howard said. "... Their length, their experience, their 'why.' I mean, when I say 'their why,' they're playing for a national championship. They're not playing for anything else. They're trying to find their chemistry."

Paige Bueckers, in her most extended and productive playing time since returning from her knee surgery, had 16 points, five

rebounds and four assists in 18 minutes.

"She was probably anxious to play more than she did the first couple of games," Auriemma said. "And I think she got more involved than she did the first couple of games. Little by little, it improves every game."

Ten players scored for UConn, including Christyn Williams (15), Aaliyah Edwards (14) and Azzi Fudd (11) joining Bueckers in double figures, but the star of the game, continuing the current trend, was the Huskies' ensemble on defense. Georgetown was held without a field goal for a stretch of nearly 15 minutes in the first half, as the Huskies, promoting 17 turnovers, built a 43-9 halftime lead.

For the game, Georgetown had 27 turnovers, and the Huskies 13 steals.

"I feel like, the team that we have, we thrive on defense and it helps us get going offensively," said Williams, who made five steals. "If we start off aggressive on the

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MLB

Scherzer favors 'ghost win' plan as talks resume

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Max Scherzer favors a radical reworking of the playoffs, one that would have the higher seed in the first round of a 14-team postseason start off a best-of-five series with a 1-0 lead.

Major League Baseball and locked-out players, who resume talks Sunday, both would expand the postseason from 10 teams — that's been the field since 2012, other than the 16 teams in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season.

The union prefers 12 and the parties appear headed toward that number, but Scherzer said players would consider 14 if clubs would agree to the "ghost win" format.

Under MLB's 14-team plan, the division winner with the best regular-season record in each league would get a bye and advance directly to the Division Series. The two other division winners would choose their opponents and be at home for an entire best-of-three round.

The division winner with the second-best record would choose its opponent from among the three lowest-seeded wild-card teams. The division winner with the third-best record would then get to pick from among the remaining two wild cards. The top wild card would face whichever team is left over after the division winners make their choices and also play all games at home.

Selections would be made on a televised show.

"We felt like competition could be eroded in that scenario, and we had specific examples of different players who spoke up that highlighted that specifically," Scherzer said after Tuesday's breakdown in labor talks.

"Continuing on from those division winners down, we didn't see the proper incentive



Scherzer



Connecticut head coach Dan Hurley high-fives Connecticut's Adama Sanogo as he heads to the bench for a timeout in the second half against DePaul on Saturday at Gampel Pavilion. Sanogo had 26 points and 11 rebounds in UConn's 75-68 win. CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

MEN'S BASKETBALL UCONN 75, DEPAUL 68

UConn slips past DePaul

Huskies clinch third seed in Big East Tournament

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

STORRS — On a day that honored seniors, it was sophomore Adama Sanogo who stole the show.

In the last game of the regular season the UConn men's basketball team defeated DePaul 75-68 at Gampel Pavilion on Saturday night. Sanogo led the way with 26 points and 11 rebounds. In addition, Tyrese Martin played a great all-around game with 19 points and 16 rebounds.

With the Huskies' win and Creighton's 65-60 loss to Seton Hall earlier in the day, the Huskies clinched the third seed in the Big



UConn seniors raise their framed jerseys with head coach Dan Hurley before their game against DePaul. They are Tyrese Martin, from left, R.J. Cole, Isaiah Whaley, Matt Garry and Tyler Polley.

East Tournament. The tournament begins on Wednesday with the first round and UConn will play its opening game, a quarterfinal, on Thursday at 9:30 p.m.

DePaul's Javon Freeman-Liberty cut an 18-point UConn lead

to just five after he made a tough layup and got fouled in the process and made the free throw with 1:35 left. With 23 seconds left, the Blue Demon's David Jones missed the 3 and ultimately gave the Huskies the ball. Tyler Polley was fouled

on the next possession and sank both free throws to put UConn up 75-68.

Sanogo showcased his offensive prowess all game long. He put on a clinic in the post with various moves that DePaul defenders struggled to defend. He had 20 points on 9-for-11 shooting and seven rebounds in the first half.

UConn coach Dan Hurley praised Sanogo's ability to bounce back from poor games.

"An angry Adama is hard to deal with," he said. "His track record coming off a subpar game is pretty good. He responds very very well to not being at his best."

Hurley had said Akok Akok would play some minutes in this game and the forward made the most of it. He made his presence felt around the rim as he had three blocks in six minutes.

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UP NEXT

UConn MBB: Big East Quarterfinal vs. TBD, Thursday, time TBD; Big East Semifinal (if necessary) vs. TBD, Friday, 6:30/9 p.m.; Big East Final (if necessary) vs. TBD, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
UConn WBB: Big East Semifinal vs. Marquette, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Big East Final (if necessary) vs. TBD, Monday, 8 p.m.; NCAA First Round vs. TBD, date/time TBD
Celtics: Nets, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Hornets, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pistons, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Knicks: at Clippers, Sunday, 10 p.m.; at Kings, Monday, 10:30 p.m.; at Mavericks, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.
Nets: at Celtics, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Hornets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at 76ers, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: Hockey East Opening Round vs. TBD, Wednesday, time TBD; Hockey East Quarterfinal (if necessary) vs. TBD, Saturday, time TBA; Hockey East Semifinal (if necessary), March 18, 4/7:30 p.m.
Bruins: Kings, Monday, 7 p.m.; Chicago, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Coyotes, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: at Jets, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Wild, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Blues, Thursday, 8 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Lehigh Valley, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at W-B/Scranton, March 13, 3 p.m.

TV/RADIO
AUTO RACING
3:30 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Pennzoil 400. (Live) FOX
BASKETBALL
12 p.m.: Houston at Memphis. (Live) CBS
12 p.m.: Women ACC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
12 p.m.: Big South Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
12:30 p.m.: Michigan at Ohio State. (Live) FOX
1 p.m.: Brooklyn Nets at Boston Celtics. (Live) ABC
2 p.m.: MVC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) CBS
2 p.m.: Women SEC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
2 p.m.: Women Atlantic 10 Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
3 p.m.: Women's College: Big East Semifinal: Marquette at UConn. (Live), FS1. (Live) FS1
3:30 p.m.: Phoenix Suns at Milwaukee Bucks. (Live) ABC
4 p.m.: Women Big Ten Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
4:30 p.m.: Maryland at Michigan State. (Live) CBS
5:30 p.m.: Women Big East Tournament, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) FS1
6 p.m.: Women Pac-12 Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
7:30 p.m.: Toronto Raptors at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live) ESPN
7:30 p.m.: Iowa at Illinois. (Live) FS1
10 p.m.: New York Knicks at Los Angeles Clippers. (Live), ESPN, MSG.
GOLF
12:30 p.m.: Arnold Palmer Invitational, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
2:30 p.m.: Arnold Palmer Invitational, Final Round. (Live) NBC
HOCKEY
4 p.m.: Dallas Stars at Minnesota Wild. (Live) TNT
7 p.m.: New York Rangers at Winnipeg Jets. (Live), MSGPlus.
OLYMPICS
12 p.m.: 2022 Winter Paralympics Daytime. (Same-day Tape) NBC
9 p.m.: 2022 Winter Paralympics Para Cross-Country Skiing. (Live) USA
SOCCER
7 a.m.: FA Women's Super League Arsenal vs Birmingham City. (Live) CNBC
9 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Watford vs Arsenal. (Live) USA
11:30 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Manchester City vs Manchester United. (Live) USA
4 p.m.: MLS Soccer Inter Miami CF at Austin FC. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: MLS Soccer Portland Timbers at Los Angeles FC. (Live) FS1
WRESTLING
7 p.m.: ACC Championship - Mat 1. (Live) ACC
8 p.m.: Big 12 Championship. (Live) ESPN2

SUNS 115, KNICKS 114 LATE FRIDAY

Suns’ Johnson banks in three at buzzer for win

Associated Press

PHOENIX — New York’s Julius Randle yelled at Phoenix’s Cam Johnson, bumped chests with him and then shoved him again for good measure. That turned out to be a huge mistake. Johnson responded with a brilliant fourth quarter after Randle was ejected, banking in a 3-pointer at the buzzer to finish with a career-high 38 points and give the Suns a wild 115-114 victory over the Knicks on Friday night. “Just thankful that it went down,” Johnson said. “I love my guys.” Johnson’s ninth 3-pointer in 12 tries came from 31 feet at the top of the key, capping a 21-point fourth quarter that included six 3s. The NBA-leading Suns, playing without All-Star guards Chris Paul and Devin Booker, improved to 51-12. The Knicks looked like

they were headed for an impressive road win before Randle’s ill-timed outburst late in the third quarter sent him to the locker room. Randle and Johnson were called for technicals after bumping chests and exchanging words. A referee separated the two, but then Randle barreled through the ref to shove Johnson again, which earned the ejection. “I had the opportunity to continue playing,” Johnson said. “And he didn’t” Said Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau: “You’ve got to know where to stop. None of us are perfect and we are going to make mistakes, but you’ve got to be disciplined.” Johnson said the feud with Randle had been brewing over the course of multiple games between the teams. Johnson took a hard shoulder to the chest from Randle on Friday in the first quarter, which knocked the wind out of

him and sent him to the locker room briefly. Johnson said he thought the move “felt cheap” and set the stage for the later confrontation. New York blew a 14-point lead in Randle’s absence, but Mitchell Robinson’s layup with 15 seconds left gave the Knicks a 113-112 lead. Alec Burks added a free throw to give the Knicks a 114-112 advantage — but missed his second attempt — giving the Suns an opportunity in the final seconds. That’s when Johnson capped his huge night with his biggest shot, sinking the long 3-pointer after Cam Payne’s drove the court and flipped the ball back to Johnson. The sharpshooter’s aim was long, but smacked off the glass and through the hoop to set off a wild celebration. “I just couldn’t stop saying, ‘I’m proud of you, bro,’” Suns forward Jae Crowder said.

COMMENTARY

Knicks need star executive before falling further behind

By Mike Lupica
Columnist

NEW YORK — Here is the reality for our Knicks, who have turned last year’s regular season into a distant memory before we even finish up with this one: It has taken Leon Rose, who was supposed to clean up the mess he inherited from his predecessors, hardly any time at all to create a mess of his own, and a big one. His players should be this quick. It was in the spring of 2021 that the Knicks came riding into the playoffs for the first time in eight years, as the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference, not just bringing noise back into Madison Square Garden, but hope. Then the Knicks did what they always do, on the rare occasion when they do manage to make it to the playoffs: They lost to the Hawks. Five games. Now they are where they are, in a freefall that basically began in January. So when this season is over, barring some kind of miracle, it is going to be nine years since the Knicks won a playoff series, against the Celtics, spring of 2013. It happens to be the only playoff series they have won in this century. Pause for a beat now, let that sink in, because sometimes it is difficult to wrap your mind around just how bad things have been at the Garden in this century, and how bad the organization has been. One playoff series victory. Twenty-two years. By the way? They have made it to the playoffs only six times in this century: **2000-2001:** They lose to the Raptors in the first round. **2003-2004:** They get swept by the Nets in the first round. **2010-11:** They get swept by the Celtics in the first round. **2011-12:** They lose to the Heat in five games. **2012-13:** They beat the Celtics in six games and then lose to the Pacers in six games and then there is all the waiting until the Hawks series last year. When they lost to the Pacers in ’13, they lost Game 1 at home and never managed to recover. Then they lost Game 1 to Trae Young and the Hawks and never recovered. Their combined total, all in, are 35 post-season games. They have won 10 of them. It means that they look about the same when they do make it as far as the postseason as they do in the regular season. And at this point in the proceedings, raise a hand if you think the management team of Rose and William (World Wide Wes) Wesley is the one to come up with



Knicks GM Scott Perry, left, Executive VP – Senior Basketball Advisor William Wesley, center, and President Leon Rose watch a game in October. **AP FILE**

a vision and plan to get them out of this. Rose could start by taking a seat in front of the media and answering questions, which is the way big guys are supposed to do it in the big city. He came here as an agent. As a deal-maker. Now no Knick fan anywhere has any idea what the deal is with Rose, other than him talking about as much as the retired jerseys in the rafters. The Knicks aren’t only bad again. They have amazingly bad luck, unless you think it was good luck that they were one pick away from getting Ja Morant, who would have changed everything at the Garden. RJ Barrett, who came next, has shown terrific promise this season. He isn’t close to being the player that Morant is. Add that to the fact that no matter who is in charge, they don’t know who to draft when the play isn’t as obvious as it was for Barrett. So they go for Frank Ntilikina. Then for Kevin Knox. You see how much good the two of them did for the Knicks. But maybe that isn’t the worst news for the Knicks, less than a season after they shocked the world by going 41-31. The worst news is that the Eastern Conference is loaded again, with big names like Giannis and Kevin Durant and Dr. Kyrie Irving, the vaccine specialist, and James Harden and Joel Embiid and Jimmy Butler and Jayson Tatum. And DeMar DeRozan. And Trae Young. The Knicks don’t have a star player comparable to any of those guys, or one on the horizon. And forget about the bigger names? Whose roster do you like better, the Knicks’ or the one they’ve put together in Cleveland with Evan Mobley and Darius Garland, even without Collin Sexton this season. Rose and Wesley aren’t going to get them out of this. They need a star executive right now even more than a star player, maybe like the Thunder’s Sam Presti. Ten months since Game 1 of the Hawks series. Feels like 10 years at the Garden, where everything old is new again.

NHL

Wahlstrom, Nelson lead Isles past Blues

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oliver Wahlstrom and Brock Nelson each scored, Ilya Sorokin made 27 saves and the New York Islanders beat the St. Louis Blues 2-1 on Saturday. Sorokin had 14 stops in the third period as the Islanders snapped a two-game skid. Robert Thomas scored for St. Louis and Jordan Binnington recorded 18 saves, but the Blues fell for the second straight game despite a late push. Thomas cut the Blues’ deficit to one at 17:08 of the third period. Blues coach Craig Berube then pulled Binnington in favor of an extra attacker with over three minutes remaining in the game. Ryan O’Reilly and Brayden Schenn had opportunities to score the equalizer as the Blues controlled possession in the final minutes, but Sorokin preserved the Islanders’ advantage. The Islanders took a two-goal lead on the power play early in the second period. Noah Dobson cleverly set up Nelson for a one-timer from the top of the right faceoff circle at 1:04. It was New York’s first goal on the man advantage since Feb. 20 against the Montreal Canadiens and Nelson’s 20th goal of the season. Wahlstrom opened the scoring at 6:36 of the first period when Binnington was unable to close off the short side and the puck squirted through from a tough angle. The sequence

began with a Wahlstrom breakaway that was denied, and after extended time in the offensive zone Wahlstrom was able to break through with his 11th goal of the season and first in 12 games. Adam Pelech and Ryan Pulock were paired together on the blue line to start the game for first time since October and they each recorded an assist on the Wahlstrom goal. Kyle Palmieri appeared to give the Islanders a two-goal edge late in the first period, but the call was overturned upon a St. Louis challenge for goaltender interference. Islanders forward Kieffer Bellows’ stick got tangled up with Binnington’s stick, preventing the Blues goaltender from making the save. Palmieri had another goal taken off the board midway through the third period when he tipped a shot past Binnington on the power play. However, after a lengthy review the referees determined that Palmieri redirected the puck while his stick was above the crossbar at 8:26. Prior to the game, the Islanders honored Zdeno Chara for becoming the NHL leader in all-time games played by a defenseman. The 44-year-old blueliner surpassed Chris Chelios during the Islanders’ recent five-game West Coast road trip. Chara was joined by his wife and three children on the ice for a ceremony that included a video tribute and several gifts from the Islanders organization.

MLB

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for those other two division winners,” the New York Mets pitcher added. “We didn’t understand why they didn’t want to take us up on a more competitive format.” The lockout was in its 94th day Saturday, four days after Commissioner Rob Manfred canceled the first two series of the regular season, which had been scheduled to start March 31. Players are expected to respond Sunday to MLB’s latest offer, the last before talks ended Tuesday. Before talks broke down, players said they could agree to a 12-team postseason subject to an overall agreement. There remains a possibility 14 teams could return to discussions, depending on tradeoffs in the end stages of negotiations. Under the postseason plan the union has discussed verbally but is undecided whether to formally propose, the higher seed would be home for all games and need two wins to advance, while the visiting team would have to win three times. MLB told the union it is not interested. A team with the first-round bye would be off at least five days, possibly complicating starting pitcher plans, and the fans of the lower seed in the opening round would not have any home games. MLB does not think the “ghost game” is the pref-

erence of broadcasters and thinks the concept would not be well-received by fans. “The 14-team format MLB originally proposed offers significant advantages to division winners and provides incentives to win at every level of the bracket,” MLB spokesman Glen Caplin said Saturday. “In an effort to compromise, MLB accepted a 12-team format after the discussion of formats including a ‘ghost game.’ MLB made clear that the ‘ghost game’ raises serious issues and is not a viable path forward.” The “ghost win” has been used in the Korea Baseball Organization since 2015, when its playoffs expanded from four teams to five in the 10-club league. The new best-of-three wildcard round has ended in one game in five of seven seasons, with the lower seed team forcing another game in 2016 and last year, then losing the finale both times. “Working with the economists on the union staff, we felt like we had devised a format that you would incentivize competition throughout all the season, especially for division winners,” Scherzer said. “We didn’t see that that solely home-field advantage was going to be the necessary piece to try to go out there and win your division.” Without the “ghost win” format, Scherzer said “a 12-team format made more sense to us.”

NBA

Fan favorite Tacko Fall continues to hope he finds right fit

By Gary Washburn
Boston Globe

Tacko Fall dresses quickly after a Cleveland Charge game against the G League Ignite for a conversation with his agent, Justin Haynes. Before he’s able to reach the bleacher seats, Fall is approached by autograph seekers, kids, adults, and employees at Cleveland’s Wolstein Center who want to get a picture with the 7-foot-6 center/celebrity/insurance pitchman. One fan instructs the photographer to turn the camera phone vertical to catch a full body shot of Fall,

who is used to the attention. Fall is comfortable in his own skin. But he also wants to prove he’s more than just a novelty or a sideshow, more than just a fan favorite because such a large man is attempting to compete with the world’s greatest athletes. Fall, who was on a two-way contract with the Celtics for two years, is playing with Cleveland’s G League affiliate, trying for another NBA opportunity. “You want to be able to get the opportunity to show what you can do,” he told the Globe. “In my opinion, the G League is more fast-paced than the NBA and the biggest thing I’ve had to fight

in my career is can I keep up with the best in the game at my size. Can you move? I’ve shown plenty of times that I can run the floor and move my feet. Keep showcasing and when I get the opportunity to play in more NBA games, keep showing that on a consistent basis. “I actually believe I can play at this level and I know there’s a lot of people who believe that. It’s having the right opportunity at the right time.” Fall has played in 37 NBA games (228 minutes), averaging 2.2 points, 2.4 rebounds, and 0.8 blocked shots. A summer league sensation in 2019 after going

undrafted, Fall was signed to a two-way contract by the Celtics as a project. Although he improved over two years, it was not enough to earn a standard NBA contract. The Celtics never felt comfortable playing Fall in long stretches, and he eventually joined the Cavaliers on a training camp contract, making the roster to begin this season. Fall played in 11 games for Cleveland but was waived when the Cavaliers made deals to enhance the roster. He joined the Charge and has played in 12 games, averaging 13.5 points, 10.5 rebounds, and 2.7 blocked shots.



Cavaliers center Tacko Fall looks on during a game against the Wizards on Dec. 30. **NICK WASS/AP**

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	39	23	.629	—
Boston	38	27	.585	2 ½
Toronto	34	29	.540	5 ½
Brooklyn	32	32	.500	8
New York	25	38	.397	14 ½

SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Miami	42	22	.656	—
Atlanta	31	32	.492	10 ½
Charlotte	31	33	.484	11
Washington	28	34	.452	13
Orlando	16	48	.250	26

CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Milwaukee	39	25	.609	—
Chicago	39	25	.609	—
Cleveland	36	27	.571	2 ½
Indiana	22	43	.338	17 ½
Detroit	17	47	.266	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	43	21	.672	—
Dallas	39	25	.609	4
New Orleans	27	36	.429	15 ½
San Antonio	24	39	.381	18 ½
Houston	15	48	.238	27 ½

NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Utah	39	23	.629	—
Denver	37	26	.587	2 ½
Minnesota	35	29	.547	5
Portland	25	37	.403	14
Oklahoma City	20	43	.317	19 ½

PACIFIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Phoenix	51	12	.810	—
Golden State	43	20	.683	8
L.A. Clippers	34	31	.523	18
L.A. Lakers	27	35	.435	23 ½
Sacramento	24	42	.364	28 ½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 114, Sacramento 113
San Antonio at Charlotte, late
Orlando at Memphis, late
Philadelphia at Miami, late
Portland at Minnesota, late
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Brooklyn at Boston, 1p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 3:30p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 6p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 7p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 7p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 8p.m.
New York at L.A. Clippers, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Detroit, 7p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 111, Indiana 106
Philadelphia 125, Cleveland 119
Atlanta 117, Washington 114
Orlando 103, Toronto 97
Milwaukee 118, Chicago 112
Minnesota 138, Oklahoma City 101
New Orleans 124, Utah 90
Denver 116, Houston 101
Phoenix 115, New York 114

NBA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS				
Through Friday				
SCORING	G	FG	FT	PTS
Embiid, PHI	50	470	474	1481
Ganttknmpo, MIL	53	531	438	1560
James, LAL	45	495	195	1297
DeRozan, CHI	60	619	406	1684
Young, ATL	58	544	366	1625

REBOUNDS				
G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Goibert, UTA	48	174	536	710
Jokic, DEN	56	156	618	774
Sabonis, IND	47	155	412	567
Capela, ATL	55	207	456	663
Ganttknmpo, MIL	53	105	509	614

ASSISTS PER GAME				
G	AST	AVG		
Paul, PHO	58	619	10.7	
Murray, SA	55	515	9.4	
Young, ATL	58	541	9.3	
Doncic, DAL	48	422	8.8	
Garland, CLE	49	397	8.1	

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP STANDINGS				
MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS				
RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Ford	72	--	1
2	Chevrolet	67	-5	1
3	Toyota	64	-8	0

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS				
DRIVER	W	TS	T10	PTS
Austin Cindric	1	1	1	85
Joey Logano	0	1	1	77
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	0	0	73
Ryan Blaney	0	1	1	70
Chase Briscoe	0	1	1	69
Eric Jones	0	1	1	68
Aric Almirola	0	1	2	66
Kyle Larson	1	1	1	65
Bubba Wallace	0	1	1	65
Brad Keselowski	0	0	1	64
Kyle Busch	0	0	1	61
Kurt Busch	0	0	1	53
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	0	1	53
Austin Dillon	0	1	1	52
Daniel Suarez	0	1	1	52
Cole Custer	0	0	0	48
Ty Dillon	0	0	0	46
Michael McDowell	0	0	1	45
Chase Elliott	0	0	1	45
Kevin Harvick	0	0	1	41
Tyler Reddick	0	0	0	38
Chris Buescher	0	0	0	37
Corey LaJoie	0	0	0	32
Todd Gilliland	0	0	0	30
Alex Bowman	0	0	0	30
David Ragan	0	0	1	29
Justin Haley	0	0	0	28
Cody Ware	0	0	0	25
B.J. McLeod	0	0	0	25
Denny Hamlin	0	0	0	24
Garrett Smithley	0	0	0	16
Jacques Villeneuve	0	0	0	15
William Byron	0	0	0	14
Harrison Burton	0	0	0	13
Ross Chastain	0	0	0	10
Christopher Bell	0	0	0	10

AVERAGE FINISH POSITION				
DRIVER	EV	AvST	AvFN	
Aric Almirola	2	34.5	5.5	
Austin Cindric	2	3.0	6.5	
David Ragan	1	34.0	8.0	
Chase Briscoe	2	16.5	9.5	
Kyle Busch	2	6.5	10.0	
Daniel Hemric	2	19.0	10.5	
Bubba Wallace	2	25.0	10.5	

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL		SUNDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	
Houston	2	at Memphis	
at Ohio State	4	Michigan	
UCF	2 ½	at Tulsa	
at Wisconsin	13	Nebraska	
at Temple	9	South Florida	
at Drexel	PK	Delaware	
at SMU	9 ½	Tulane	
at Michigan St.	6	Maryland	
at UNC Wilim.	4	Elon	
at UMKC	PK	South Dakota	
at Illinois	3 ½	Iowa	
at Northwestern	7 ½	Minnesota	
at Hofstra	3	Charleston	
at Oral Roberts	6	W. Illinois	

NBA		SUNDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	
at Boston	3 (off)	Brooklyn	
at Milwaukee	7 (off)	Phoenix	
at Washington	3 (off)	Indiana	
Memphis	12 ½ (off)	at Houston	
Utah	13 (off)	at Okla. City	
at Cleveland	4 (off)	Toronto	
at Denver	3 (22B+)	New Orleans	
at LA Clippers	3 ½ (off)	New York	

NHL		SUNDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
Los Angeles	-172	at Buffalo	+140
St. Louis	-194	at New Jersey	+160
at Minnesota	-122	Dallas	+135
at Carolina	-295	Seattle	+102
at Winnipeg	-122	N.Y. Rangers	+102
Tampa Bay	-235	at Chicago	+190
at Anaheim	-182	San Jose	+150
at Las Vegas	-490	Ottawa	+365

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EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Florida	55	37	13	5	79	227	163			
Tampa Bay	54	36	12	6	78	186	152			
Toronto	55	35	15	4	74	198	157			
Boston	54	33	18	4	70	166	148			
Detroit	56	24	26	6	54	163	203			
Buffalo	56	18	30	8	44	153	200			
Ottawa	54	19	30	5	43	142	177			
Montreal	55	14	34	7	35	132	210			
METRO	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Carolina	55	38	12	5	81	188	132			
Pittsburgh	57	34	14	9	77	185	152			
N.Y. Rangers	55	35	15	5	75	165	138			
Washington	55	29	18	9	67	180	156			
Columbus	56	28	25	2	58	182	200			
N.Y. Islanders	52	21	23	8	50	133	147			
Philadelphia	55	17	28	10	44	139	192			
New Jersey	55	19	31	5	43	168	200			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Colorado	55	40	11	4	84	219	155			
St. Louis	54	32	16	6	70	192	148			
Minnesota	53	32	18	3	67	200	171			
Dallas	54	31	20	3	65	159	157			
Nashville	54	30	20	4	64	166	155			
Winnipeg	55	24	21	10	58	166	170			
Chicago	56	20	28	8	48	141	192			
Arizona	55	16	35	4	38	132	201			
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Calgary	53	32	14	7	71	186	130			
Los Angeles	56	30	19	7	67	166	160			
Vegas	56	31	21	4	66	182	166			
Edmonton	55	30	21	4	64	182	175			
Anaheim	57	26	22	9	61	169	177			
Vancouver	56	27	23	6	60	158	161			
San Jose	54	24	24	6	54	143	168			
Seattle	56	17	34	5	39	144	199			

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Islanders 2, St. Louis 1
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3
Arizona 8, Ottawa 5
Florida 6, Detroit 2
Boston at Columbus, late
Montreal at Edmonton, late
Seattle at Washington, late
Vancouver at Toronto, late
Nashville at San Jose, late
Calgary at Colorado, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Los Angeles at Buffalo, 1p.m.
St. Louis at New Jersey, 1p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 7p.m.
Seattle at Carolina, 7p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7p.m.
Ottawa at Vegas, 8p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 8p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Florida at Buffalo, 7p.m.
Los Angeles at Boston, 7p.m.
Toronto at Columbus, 7p.m.
Colorado at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 1
Los Angeles 4, Columbus 3 (OT)
Buffalo 5, Minnesota 4
Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 1
Carolina 3, Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Dallas 4, Winnipeg 3 (OT)
Vegas 5, Anaheim 4

TENNIS

WTA LYON OPEN
At Palais des Sports Gerland, Lyon, France, hardcourt outdoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINAL
Dayana Yastremska d.
#2 Sorana Cirstea, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4.
#8Zhang Shuai d.
Caroline Garcia, 6-2, 7-5.

WTA ABIERTO MONTERREY
At Club Sonoma, Monterrey, Mexico, hardcourt outdoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#2Leylah Fernandez d.
Beatriz Haddad Maia, 7-6(4), 6-4.
#5Camila Osorio vs.
#6Nuria Parrizas-Diaz, late

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New York	2	0	0	6	7	2
D.C. United	2	0	0	6	4	0
Columbus	1	0	1	4	7	3
New England	1	0	1	4	3	2
Philadelphia	1	0	1	4	3	2
Orlando City	1	0	1	3	2	0
Atlanta	1	1	0	3	3	4
Chicago	0	0	2	2	0	0
Inter Miami CF	0	0	1	1	0	0
New York City FC	0	1	1	2	1	0
Toronto	0	1	1	2	2	5
Charlotte FC	0	1	0	0	0	3
CF Montréal	0	2	0	0	1	4
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	0	6
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Austin FC	1	0	0	3	5	0
Los Angeles FC	1	0	0	3	3	0
LA Galaxy	1	0	0	3	1	0
Nashville	1	0	0	3	1	0
Colorado	1	1	0	3	3	3
Sporting KC	1	1	0	3	2	3
Portland	0	0	1	1	1	1
Minnesota United	0	0	1	1	1	1
Real Salt Lake	0	0	1	1	0	0
FC Dallas	0	1	1	1	1	2
Houston	0	1	1	1	0	1
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	6
Vancouver	0	1	1	1	0	4
Seattle	0	1	0	0	0	1
Three points for win, one point for tie						

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Sunday: Big East semifinal vs. Marquette, 3 p.m., FS1

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday: Big East quarterfinal vs. TBA, 9:30 p.m., FS1

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MEN'S BASKETBALL BIG EAST ROUNDUP

Villanova cruises by Butler in regular-season finale

Associated Press

Justin Moore and No. 11 Villanova got defensive in their tune-up for the Big East Tournament. Moore scored 16 points, Jermaine Samuels added 15 and the Wildcats broke away early to beat Butler 78-59 Saturday in their regular-season finale at Indianapolis. Villanova (23-7, 16-4 Big East) will be the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament. “We came in and wanted to take pride in defense, playing tough and being physical, rebounding and contesting shots in the paint,” Moore said. “We knew it would be tough coming in this environment and trying to get stops. We were stayed together and stayed focused and got it done.” The Bulldogs (13-18, 6-14) take a five-game losing streak into the tourney. Villanova scored 11 straight points during a 20-1 run that made it 23-4. The Wildcats were up by 28 midway through the second half.

“That was important to get off to a good start here,” Villanova coach Jay Wright said. “I don’t think we shot well here many times because usually because we are playing against a team that’s a great defensive team. The 3s we hit early were some tough ones. Justin hit a couple of step-back 3s, that’s what you need on the road, you need big-time players to make big-time shots.” Caleb Daniels and Collin Gillespie each scored 11 points and Jordan Longino had 10 for Villanova. The Wildcats shot 49% while holding the Bulldogs to 36%, including a 1-for-11 start. “We got a couple days of practice with everyone in there,” Wright said. “We got Justin and Collin healthy again. It helped we got Jordan and Chris (Arcidiacono) some minutes. I feel like we got our depth and our health together going into the tournament.” Chuck Harris led Butler with 19 points. Bo Hodges had 12 points and six rebounds. Butler’s Bryce Nze had a team-high nine rebounds but

was slowed by four fouls. “We had some competitive minutes, but just not enough for a full 40 minutes,” Butler coach LaVall Jordan said. “Credit to Villanova, they came out with a lot of energy and made shots early.” Villanova routed visiting Butler 82-42 on Jan. 16. That was the Bulldogs’ worst loss since No. 4 North Carolina beat them 104-64 in 1994. **Seton Hall 65, Creighton 60:** At Omaha, Neb., Jared Rhoden scored 19 points, Alexis Yetna had 11 points and 11 rebounds for his eighth double-double this season and Seton Hall beat Creighton in a regular-season finale. Seton Hall (20-9, 11-8 Big East Conference) won its fifth straight game. Jamir Harris added 14 points. Tyrese Samuel had 13 points. Ryan Kalkbrenner had 17 points and three blocks for the Bluejays (20-10, 12-7) and Ryan Hawkins had 17 points and seven rebounds. Alex O’Connell had six rebounds. Seton Hall also defeated Creighton 74-55 on Feb. 4.



Villanova guard Jordan Longino (15) drives to the basket past Butler forward D.J. Hughes (0) during the second half on Saturday in Indianapolis. DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Northeastern defeats UConn to claim women’s Hockey East title

Staff and wire reports

Alina Mueller scored a pair of goals and added an assist to lead the Northeastern women’s hockey team to a 3-1 win over UConn on Saturday night in the Hockey East championship game in Boston. Morgan Wabick gave UConn a short-lived lead when she scored at 18 minutes, 49 seconds of the second period. But Mueller answered 54 seconds later to send Northeastern off on a run of three unanswered goals. Megan Warrenner had 37 saves for UConn (24-8-4, 16-7-4).

Men’s hockey

UConn 4, Vermont 0: At Hartford, the UConn defense allowed only 12 shots and goaltender Darion Hanson stopped them all as the Huskies snapped a three-game losing streak with the Hockey East win over Vermont at the XL Center to close out the regular season. The Huskies (18-15-0, 14-10-0) jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead and never looked back. John Spetz got UConn going with a power-play goal at 7:15 of the opening period. Artem Shlaine followed at 9:51 and Carter Turnbull at 12:03. Jake Veilleux closed out the scoring at 10:35 of the second. Ryan Tverberg and Harrison Rees each had two assists. Up next for the Huskies is the Hockey East tournament, which begins Wednesday with the first round.

Women’s basketball

Maine 63, Hartford 49: At Bangor, Maine, Carmen Villalobos had 13 points and nine rebounds as the Hartford women’s basketball team lost an America East quarterfinal at No. 1 Maine. Paula Maurina added 10 points for the Hawks, who end their season 4-26, 4-14. Caroline Bornemann led the Black Bears with 21 points.

Men’s basketball

RPI 59, Wesleyan 58: At Middletown, Preston Maccoux missed a potential game-winning pull-up jump shot with a second left as the Cardinals dropped the NCAA Division III second-round game. Sam Peek, who missed a game-tying free throw with five seconds remaining, led No. 8 Wesleyan (25-3) with 19 points.



Connecticut’s Tyrese Martin, left, reaches for a rebound against DePaul’s David Jones in the second half at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs on Saturday. CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Men

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“It was good for him to get some minutes for him under his belt,” Hurley said. “I thought he did some good things in there. He has to be ready to give us minutes when we need him after missing a lot of time.” Coming in Freeman-Liberty was averaging 30 points in his previous three games. Saturday he had 22 points and shot 8-for-18. The No. 18 Huskies (22-8, 13-6 Big East) finished third in the conference behind Providence and Villanova. DePaul (15-15, 6-14) finishes ninth in the conference. Before the game, seniors R.J. Cole, Martin, Matt Garry, Isaiah Whaley and Polley were honored with ceremonies for Senior Day. Whaley and Polley had graduated last year but took advantage of the chance to return for one more season, which was granted due to COVID. Martin wasn’t too focused on Senior Day. “I really didn’t have much emotion today, he said. “As a senior, it’s probably my last game in front of the home crowd and home court, things like that. I’ll get the senior emotions and all that when the last game is played



Connecticut’s R.J. Cole, left, and Tyrese Martin have a moment during a break in the action in the second half against DePaul.

of my college career. Today, it was really no emotions. It was just my last game here at UConn.” The Huskies’ defense limited the Blue Demons to shooting 12-for-34 (35.4%) from the field in the first half. DePaul shot 4-for-8 from 3, which kept this game from becoming a blowout as UConn went into the half with a 40-29 lead. After shooting 0-for-4 in the

first half, Cole got his first two points of the game on a jumper at the 18:52 mark in the second half. Then, at 13:58, Martin hit a second-chance 3 to put the Huskies up 51-37. With 9:28 left in the game, DePaul took a timeout as they trailed 60-45. DePaul cut the lead to nine points after Freeman-Liberty hit a second-chance 3 with 3:01 left. Hurley feels good about his

UConn 75, DePaul 68												
DePaul	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT					
Freeman-Liberty	34	8-18	3-5	3	3	2	22					
Johnson	33	5-16	2-5	5	0	0	14					
Jones	32	6-16	0-0	8	3	1	13					
Ongenda	25	2-3	1-4	6	2	3	5					
Terry	22	1-3	0-0	1	4	4	3					
McCauley	23	2-5	0-0	2	0	1	6					
Gebrewhit	18	1-1	0-0	1	0	2	3					
Anel	13	1-4	0-0	3	0	3	2					
TOTALS	—	26-66	6-14	31	12	16	68					
Three-point goals: 10-26, 38.5(Freeman-Liberty 3-5, McCauley 2-3, Johnson 2-6, Gebrewhit 1-1, Terry 1-3, Jones 1-8). FG pct.: 39.4. FT pct.: 42.9. Team rebounds: 2. Turnovers: 4(Terry 2, Freeman-Liberty, Jones). Blocks: 8(Jones 3, Ongenda 2, Anel 2, Gebrewhit). Steals: 6(Terry 2, Freeman-Liberty, Jones, Ongenda, Anel).												
UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT					
Sanogo	33	10-16	6-6	11	1	5	26					
Martin	35	7-18	4-5	16	2	0	19					
Whaley	32	5-9	0-0	6	1	3	10					
Polley	21	2-6	3-4	2	0	2	8					
Cole	32	1-9	1-2	0	2	0	3					
Jackson	31	3-4	0-0	8	4	4	7					
Gaffney	10	1-2	0-0	1	1	0	2					
Akok	6	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0					
TOTALS	—	29-64	14-17	49	12	14	75					
Three-point goals: 3-12, 25.0(Jackson 1-1, Martin 1-2, Polley 1-3, Whaley 0-1, Gaffney 0-1, Cole 0-4). FG pct.: 45.3. FT pct.: 82.4. Team rebounds: 4. Turnovers: 9(Cole 3, Sanogo 2, Whaley, Polley, Jackson, Team). Blocks: 5(Akok 3, Sanogo, Whaley). Steals: 2(Martin, Jackson).												
DePaul: 29; 39; —; 68 UConn: 40; 35; —; 75 Officials: Burroughs, Walton, Potter. Att.: 10,167 at Gampel Pavilion, Storrs.												

team group heading into the tournament. “We are a better team and more experienced team, more battle-tested team than we were last year going into New York,” Shreyas Laddha can be reached at sladdha@courant.com or at shre98 on Twitter.

Safety Tip of the Day

The passenger side of a tractor trailer truck has far more blind spots than the driver’s side, so use proper truck safety techniques and always try to pass an 18-wheeler on the left.

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BIG EAST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn faces hot-shooting Marquette in semifinals

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — After the quick turnaround, the UConn women will face a different challenge Sunday in the Big East Tournament semifinals.

The most effective defensive team in the league, UConn, goes up against the hottest offense so far in the tournament, Marquette.

“Some of the easy baskets we got will not be there [vs. UConn],” Marquette coach Megan Duffy said, after the Golden Eagles defeated DePaul, 105-85, on Saturday. “We understand that. Their defense continues to be taken up to another level as they get all their bodies back.”

Marquette shot a tournament-record 66 percent, and the teams combined for the largest number of points in tournament history. However, UConn held Georgetown to nine first-half points, tied for the fewest ever in a Big East Tournament, in its 84-38 victory.

UConn defeated Marquette twice this season, 72-58 and 69-38. The Golden Eagles, having knocked off DePaul, have put themselves in the NCAA Tournament bubble. So for them the stakes will be high, but with little to lose.

“I’m just thrilled that we finally showcased the team we can be,” Duffy said.

Here what you need to know about the matchup:

The basics

Big East semifinals
Site: Mohegan Sun Arena

Day/Time: Sunday, 3 p.m.
Series: UConn leads, 14-0
Last meeting: UConn 69-38, Feb. 23 at XL Center
TV: FS1 (Lisa Byington and Sarah Kustok)
Radio: UConn Sports Network (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)

Marquette (21-9) probable starters, sixth player: Liza Karlen, F, 6-2, So.; Lauren Van Kleunen, F, 6-2, Gr.; Chloe Marotta, F, 6-1, Sr.; Karissa McLaughlin, G, 5-7, Gr.; Jordan King, G, 5-11, Jr.; Antwainette Walker, G, 5-11, Jr.

UConn (23-5) probable starters, sixth player: Nika Mühl, G, 5-10, So.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.; Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Azzi Fudd, G, 5-11, Fr.; Paige Bueckers G, 5-11, So.; Olivia Nelson-Ododo, F, 6-5, Sr.

The matchup

UConn offense: UConn’s offense is bound to benefit from having Paige Bueckers on the floor more in each game. She had a very efficient 16 points vs. Georgetown on Saturday, shaking the rust off her scoring skills in her third game back from the knee injury.

UConn defense: UConn is doing everything right on defense, turning the opponent over, and making opposing ballhandlers and shooters uncomfortable with relentless pressure. This is the result of having nine healthy, experienced player.

Marquette offense: It was hard to believe Marquette, after scoring 105 points vs. DePaul, was the

same team that managed only 38 against UConn two weeks ago, and averaged 66 during the season. The Golden Eagles had five in double figures, making 44 of 67 shots from the floor. They went 17-for-49 vs. UConn.

Marquette defense: The Golden Eagles hold opponents to 58.6 points per game, 38.9 percent from the floor and 27.6 on 3s. Those numbers will be tested with UConn at full strength.

UConn keys: Play tough on the boards and keep the defensive pressure on a Marquette team that settled into a rhythm on Saturday.

Players to watch: All eyes on Bueckers, who is approach her pre-injury form. Karlen, with 26 points and 14 rebounds, comes off a monster game for Marquette.

About Marquette’s coach: Megan Duffy, 37, in her third season at Marquette was Big East coach of the year in 2019-20. A former WNBA player with the Minnesota Lynx and New York Liberty, she coached Miami (Ohio) two seasons before coming to Marquette. Duffy’s record at the two schools is 106-41.

Marquette’s mascot: Iggy the Golden Eagle, who is named after St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Famous alumni: NBA players Jimmy Butler, Jae Crowder, Markus Howard, Wesley Matthews, Juan Toscano-Anderson.

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BIG EAST ROUNDUP

Marquette offense overwhelms DePaul

Staff reports

UNCASVILLE — Liza Karlen scored 26 points and added 14 rebounds to lead No. 5 seed Marquette to a 105-85 win over No. 4 DePaul in a Big East Tournament women’s basketball quarterfinal at Mohegan Sun Arena on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles, who shot 65.7 percent from the field, advance to play top seed UConn in the semifinals on Sunday. The Huskies swept two games from Marquette during the regular season.

After a tight first half quarter led ended with the Eagles up 25-22, Marquette opened things

up outscoring the Blue Demons by eight in the second, resulting in a 54-43 halftime advantage. Jordan King had 21 and Lauren Van Kleunen 20 for the winners. Aneesah Morrow had 29 for DePaul.

Villanova 76, St. John’s 52: Big East player of the year Maddy Siegrist scored 24 points and added eight rebounds as the No. 2 Wildcats rolled into the semifinals.

Brianna Herlihy had 16 points and 17 rebounds as Villanova broke out to a 44-30 lead at the half and cruised into a semifinal meeting against the winner of the late game between No. 3 Creighton and No. 6 Seton Hall.

Dick Vitale still ‘awesome baby’

Even though he must remain silent, his texts are loud and clear

By Chad Finn
Boston Globe

BOSTON — It turns out Dick Vitale texts like he talks, a wonderful realization considering he is under doctor’s orders not to talk at all right now.

Vitale — the irrepressible, ebullient, over-the-top-and-yet-authentic Dickie V, an analyst and champion of college basketball for more than four decades on ESPN — is recovering from cancer treatment and recent vocal cord surgery.

He is not allowed to speak while he mends from the vocal cord dysplasia procedure performed in mid-February by Dr. Steven Zeitels at Massachusetts General Hospital. So while the college basketball season accelerates toward its March Madness pinnacle, Vitale, 82, must remain silent, fulfilling Zeitels’s command to rest his voice for four weeks.

The irony of Vitale’s situation is hard to miss, and he acknowledged in a text conversation Thursday that the circumstances are not easy, a candor he shares in his frequent, detailed health updates on social media.

But there’s a comforting, if small, realization when you read his texted words. You hear them in Vitale’s voice, and vividly.

“I have used the theory of my Mom & Dad who taught me as a child when I lost my vision in my left eye that I can’t let [anything] stop me from chasing my dreams,” he wrote. “My parents had an elementary school education but a DOCTORATE IN LOVE! I am just following their advice from years ago & doing everything in my power to win these battles.

“I luckily have a great support TEAM with a great wife of 50 years plus my daughters live five minutes from us. They have been at my side thru chemotherapy treatments, scans, bloodwork etc plus I have super medical people that are handling my challenges.”

Vitale was quick to note early in our four-text exchange, which included 852 words in response to my questions, that what he has been dealing with “can’t compare to what many others face.” But Vitale has been dealing with a lot, and he’s needed every bit of his famous optimism.

Last August, he revealed he had been diagnosed with melanoma over the summer but was cancer-free. In October, another cancer struck: he was diagnosed with lymphoma, and also required surgery for a bile-duct blockage that same month.

Vitale missed the start of the college basketball season while undergoing chemotherapy, but made an emotional return to call the matchup between No. 1 Gonzaga and No. 2 UCLA in November. But in December he announced he would be taking extended time off after a visit with Zeitels revealed he had precancer-



ABC/ESPN basketball analyst Dick Vitale waves to the crowd prior to a basketball game between Baylor and Villanova in December in Waco, Texas. **RAY CARLIN/AP**

ous dysplasia and ulcerated lesions on the vocal cords. In late January, three weeks before his eventual three-hour vocal cord surgery, he acknowledged that he would not be able to return this season.

“The last few months have put some real challenges in front of me,” he texted. “[The cancer treatments] were compounded with vocal cord surgery that shut me down from doing what I love, sitting courtside talking college basketball.

“I have always tried in life to look at the glass half full & not half empty. For years I have given many motivational speeches and always stressed how vital it is to be mentally tough during tough times. I have tried to utilize that with what I have been dealing with.

“The fans & certainly all of my family, friends & my 2nd family — all my colleagues at ESPN — have lifted my spirits with their many prayers & love that they constantly send.”

Vitale, who still posts daily motivational tip videos on Twitter that he recorded in the weeks before his surgery, has a crucial doctor’s visit Monday.

“My MARCH MADNESS personally starts Monday as I must go for over a 1 hour PET SCAN [PET stands for positron emission tomography] that will determine the status of my cancer,” he texted. “It will also indicate if & or I must continue with chemotherapy. Yes, as many cancer patients know, it is a time of great anxiety.”

Even as he faces his own scary challenges, Vitale is thinking of others. His annual Dick Vitale Gala, which is scheduled for May 6 in Sarasota, Fla., raises money for pediatric cancer research through the V Foundation for Cancer Research, named after his late friend and ESPN colleague Jim Valvano.

Vitale may not be allowed to speak right now. But we can practically hear his famous voice when we read his words. And they are words that need to be heard.

“I want the people to realize how dollars are needed for the oncologists doing research to come up with new medicines to beat this dreaded disease. And every day, I am thinking about my late buddy Jimmy V’s message. “Don’t give up. DON’T EVER GIVE UP.”

Women

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defensive end, it get us going. We need to play all of our games like that.”

Georgetown, the No. 9 seed, had won three in a row including a first-round win over Providence, but shot only 27.5 percent, getting few quality looks against UConn’s relentless defense.

“They’re a very aggressive team that jumps everything you try to do, they’re not going to allow you to get into a rhythm,” Howard said.

The top-seeded Huskies (23-5), who shot 50 percent, getting 24 assists on 32 baskets, play No. 5 Marquette, a 105-85 winner over DePaul, in the semifinals on Sunday at 3 p.m.

UConn actually got off a little sluggish, scoreless the first 2:28 before Fudd hit a 3-pointer. Georgetown, with a starter, Kelsey Ransom, out with an injury, hit a couple of threes and led 6-3 before the Huskies delivered on of their signature knockout runs.

Williams had the hottest hand, scoring 13 points in the first quarter, which UConn finished with 19-0 run. The dominance continued into the second. Auriemma continued to turn to a bench stocked with players who started earlier in the season due to the many injuries.

“I generally try to look out at what’s going on on the floor,” Auriemma said, “and at one point, one of the assistants will say, ‘we need one more shooter out there.’ That kind of opens up one avenue. You’re trying to make sure you’ve got players who can complement each other out there and can play multiple positions. The other part is, I want the minutes at the end of the game to reflect that we worked pretty hard to make it fair, so that everybody got significant time.”

Williams played 29 minutes, eight other between 16 and 25. Edwards had seven rebounds in her 25 minutes, tied for team high with Dorka Juhász, who played 16.

“It definitely shows the depth of our team,” Edwards said. “Whenever somebody subs in, they’re going to come out with that same intensity. Coach emphasizes, ‘when you’re out on the court give it your all because somebody’s going to come in and match that same energy you just produced.’”



Connecticut’s Aaliyah Edwards handles the ball in the first half of the Big East tournament quarterfinals on Saturday at Mohegan Sun Arena. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

That included Bueckers, the national player of the year in 2020-21, who came off the bench in this, her third game back. She began to shake off the rust and find her rhythm with increased playing time, hitting a couple of threes in the final minutes of the half.

Bueckers, who was 5-for-8, including 3-for-4 on threes, and Edwards led the scoring in the second half as UConn breezed to the finish. At one point Bueckers, who played 12 and 13 minutes, respectively, in her first two games back, made a steal and was fouled, knocked down, as she went in for the layup.

“You look at a game like today,” Auriemma said, “she makes threes, she rebounds, she has four assists, she impacts the game in so many different ways. To be able to add somebody like that to your team is pretty significant. Not many teams can do that this time of year. She’s still a ways away from where we need her to be. But I’m glad she got knocked on her butt on that layup, because I think she was worried about what would happen in that situation. Now she realizes she’s Okay.”

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UConn 84, Georgetown 38									
Georgetown	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT		
Bolden-Morris	31	3-16	0-0	3	1	1	8		
West	36	2-11	0-0	3	3	1	5		
Jenkins	12	1-4	0-0	0	0	1	3		
Scott	20	1-3	0-0	1	1	0	2		
Archer	15	1-4	0-0	6	0	0	2		
Clougherty	24	4-8	0-0	4	2	2	10		
Bennett	20	1-2	1-2	1	0	2	4		
Jasper	1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	3		
Flaherty	8	0-0	1-3	0	0	0	1		
Kelava	17	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0		
Wright	12	0-2	0-0	1	0	4	0		
Ott	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
Myricks	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
TOTALS	—	14-51	2-5	27	7	12	38		
Three-point goals: 8-30, 26.7(Clougherty 2-5, Bolden-Morris 2-13, Bennett 1-1, Jasper 1-1, Jenkins 1-3, West 1-6, Scott 0-1). FG pct.: 27.5. FT pct.: 40.0. Team rebounds: 7. Turnovers: 23 (West 6, Bolden-Morris 3, Clougherty 3, Bennett 3, Jenkins 2, Ott 2, Team 2, Archer, Jasper). Blocks: 2(Bennett 2). Steals: 6(Scott 2, Bolden-Morris, West, Jenkins, Clougherty).									
UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT		
Williams	29	6-11	0-1	5	1	2	15		
Edwards	25	6-7	2-2	7	3	1	14		
Fudd	25	4-13	0-0	2	2	0	11		
Nelson-Ododa	20	1-1	2-4	5	2	2	4		
Muhl	20	1-4	0-0	3	6	2	2		
Bueckers	18	6-9	0-1	5	4	0	16		
Juhasz	16	2-4	3-4	7	1	0	7		
Ducharme	22	2-8	1-2	3	1	1	6		
Westbrook	21	2-4	0-0	2	3	1	5		
DeBerry	2	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	4		
Gabriel	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0		
TOTALS	—	32-64	8-14	44	24	9	84		
Three-point goals: 12-30, 40.0(Bueckers 4-5, Williams 3-7, Fudd 3-10, Westbrook 1-2, Ducharme 1-4, Muhl 0-2). FG pct.: 50.0. FT pct.: 57.1. Team rebounds: 5. Turnovers: 13 (Nelson-Ododa 3, Williams 2, Muhl 2, Bueckers 2, Edwards, Westbrook, DeBerry, Team). Blocks: 3(Ducharme 2, Nelson-Ododa). Steals: 13(Williams 5, Edwards 2, Fudd, Nelson-Ododa, Muhl, Bueckers, Juhasz, Westbrook).									
Georgetown	6	3	16	13				—	38
UConn	22	21	23	18				—	84
Officials: Capolino, Danaher, Forsberg.									
Site: Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville.									

WNBA

Griner arrested in Russia on drug charges; could face 10 years in prison

Associated Press

WNBA All-Star Brittney Griner was arrested last month at a Moscow airport after Russian authorities said a search of her luggage revealed vape cartridges.

The Russian Customs Service said Saturday that the cartridges were identified as containing oil derived from cannabis, which could

carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. The customs service identified the person arrested as a player for the U.S. women’s team and did not specify the date of her arrest. Russian media reported the player was Griner, and her agent, Lindsay Kagawa Colas, did not dispute those reports.

“We are aware of the situation with Brittney Griner in Russia and

are in close contact with her, her legal representation in Russia, her family, her teams, and the WNBA and NBA,” Kagawa Colas said Saturday. “As this is an ongoing legal matter, we are not able to comment further on the specifics of her case but can confirm that as we work to get her home, her mental and physical health remain our primary concern.”

On Saturday, the State Department issued a “do not travel” advisory for Russia because of its invasion of Ukraine and urged all U.S. citizens to depart immediately, citing factors including “the potential for harassment against U.S. citizens by Russian government security officials” and “the Embassy’s limited ability to assist” Americans in Russia.

Griner, who plays for the WNBA’s Phoenix Mercury, has played in Russia for the last seven years in the winter, earning over \$1 million per season — more than quadruple her WNBA salary. She last played for her Russian team UMMC Ekaterinburg on Jan. 29 before the league took a two-week break in early February for the FIBA World Cup qualifying tournaments.

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The inventory at Elise Abrams Antiques in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. More dining at home has led some people to seek out fancier tableware that makes everyday meals feel far more celebratory. **NAIMA GREEN/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**



A fine time for fine china

Fans of using the delicate tableware say it makes everyday meals far more celebratory

By Hilary Reid | The New York Times

Fine china — the delicate, sometimes fussy tableware long associated with wedding registries and your grandmother’s cabinet — has found a new, more relaxed place at the table.

Whether a Herend soup dish adorned with a wild boar or a gilded Lenox dessert plate rimmed with a Greek key pattern, fans of using fine china, which is usually made with porcelain, say it makes everyday meals far more celebratory than the minimalist earthenware popular in the past few years ever could.

Laura Chautin, 29, an artist in Manhattan, said that spending time at home led her to use her “good plates” more.

“Plates that I had been saving, I now use them every day,” said Chautin, who has also made a collection of porcelain tableware featuring delicate floral patterns. “It just feels special — why not use things that make you happy on a day-to-day basis?”

First made in China, porcelain’s earliest form dates back to the Tang dynasty. Hard-paste porcelain, the kind used to this day, appeared there later, in the 13th century. Revered for its translucent quality, hard-paste porcelain was originally made from a mixture of kaolin, a soft white clay, and feldspathic rock fired at a temperature around 2,650 degrees Fahrenheit — a recipe that, starting in the 16th century, European potters obsessively tried and

failed to master.

By the 18th century, German alchemist Johann Friedrich Böttger discovered the formula, and hard-paste porcelain began being manufactured in Europe as well as in Asia. The material’s history has inspired current makers like Marc Armitano Domingo, 26, who lives in Manhattan and started his company Armitano Domingo Ceramics, which was formerly known as Botticelli Ceramics, in 2016.

“As soon as I found out how crazy and convoluted and interesting porcelain history was, I was just fully hooked,” said Domingo, who makes plates, trays and cups that often incorporate botanical motifs. Last July, he completed his first commission for a full dinner service, including plates for 20 table settings.

It has also inspired china collectors, including Rachel Tashjian, 32, a writer

and fashion critic in Brooklyn, who began amassing porcelain pieces after receiving a set of Haviland china from her grandmother when Tashjian was in her 20s.

“There’s a sense that this is something you can learn about, and there’s a scholarship to it,” she said.

Tashjian agreed that a desire to make any meal feel more festive pervades among those using fine china casually. “People want to be frivolous in small ways,” she said. “We’re beginning to put more of a premium on delight.”

She has used her Haviland plates, which are decorated with a pink and gold rose pattern, when hosting dinner parties with friends.

“I would make spaghetti or just order pizza, but using the china would create a sense of occasion beyond something like let’s all hang and drink together or watch a movie.”

Michele Mirisola, 31, an artist in Brooklyn who owns a set of gilded Homer Laughlin plates, agrees that “if you’re not partying as much in restaurants and bars,” fine china is “a way to class up what you’re doing at home.” Inspired by the colors of Delftware, a style of Dutch tin-glazed pottery, Mirisola has made a collection of patterned clay tableware in a blue-and-white palette for her line Chell Fish.

According to Dayna Isom Johnson, a trend expert at Etsy, there was a 39% increase in searches for fine china on the site in 2021 compared to 2020, and a 28% increase in searches for antique and vintage porcelain dinnerware.

Dawn Block, vice president of collectibles, electronics and home at eBay, said that site has seen a similar increase.

“Since this time last year, eBay has seen a significant surge in searches and sales for china and porcelain brands including Lenox, Noritake and Herend,” she said.

China from heritage brands is also making its way onto more wedding registries. Lauren Kay, executive editor of The Knot, a wedding resource

website that allows couples to create registries, said site users’ interest in makers including Bernardaud, Royal Copenhagen, Wedgwood and Richard Ginori is at a high she hasn’t seen since 2018.

There has also been an increased appetite for fine china at some second-hand shops.

Elise Abrams, 71, owner of Elise Abrams Antiques in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, began collecting porcelain plates in the 1970s. Her shop, which opened in 1989, sells an array of china decorated with motifs ranging from floral to fish and game. Lately, she has noticed an uptick in clientele looking for it.

“There are more young people coming in and being excited, saying, ‘Now is the time, I’m bored and I want to set the table,’” said Abrams, who organizes her store by color. (Over the past year, she said turquoise-colored pieces have sold particularly well.)

At Vintage Thrift Shop in Manhattan, Lisa Haspel, the store’s manager, has also noticed a growing interest in its china inventory, which typically features pieces by brands including Rosenthal, Limoges, Wedgwood, Minton and Spode. Her customers used to be older, but that has changed, she said.

“Now it just sells to everybody,” said Haspel, 59. “It’s just very popular.”

Of course, for some, using fine china casually has long been a part of daily life. Maryline Damour, 52, an interior designer who lives in Kingston, New York, grew up in Haiti and said that it was customary for her family to set two formal tables a day. She has continued this ritual, using china taken from her mother’s home in Haiti, as well as pieces bought at antiques stores in Kingston.

“I’ve never saved stuff for special occasions,” said Damour. “I have one set from CB2, but everything else is English china, like Wedgwood and Royal Doulton. It’s just what I have, so I use it all the time.”

10 accent elements to elevate your home decor

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

From flowers to figurines and bowls to books, there are so many different ways to add and incorporate accents into a space. While you have a number of traditional choices, there are some unusual ones that may surprise you.

Here are some interesting accent elements to consider:

1. Figurines: Where you might place a small or

tall vase, consider using a ceramic piece instead.

2. Jewelry and global pieces: Jewelry may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of an accent. However, jewelry can help to add an interesting, global element to a space.

3. Create a showcase for a few key accents: Whether a bookcase or a shelf, look for interesting ways to display accents and accessories.

4. Vignettes: Vignettes

offer a prime opportunity for accents, by grouping them in interesting and dynamic ways.

5. Texture and color: Accents offer an opportunity to infuse both texture and color into a space.

6. Books: Coffee table books can be used and displayed in different ways to help accessorize.

7. Organic elements: Wood and wood elements can provide an opportunity to bring global elements into a space.

8. Metallics: Introducing metallics can help bring in gold and silver to certain spaces in which you are looking to bring in as sense of contrast.

9. Wall hangings and alternatives to artwork: Wall hangings and mixed media can add a touch of wow factor to a space.

10. Greenery: Greenery can provide the perfect pop of color or accent in a space. You can achieve this with greenery that is either real or artificial.



A coffee table book placed on a book stand creates an interesting accent on a coffee table. **SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Couple seeks advice on purchasing new home

Pair want to use funds from impending sale of current house

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My partner and I will be making an offer on a home in the near future. Our current home is worth about \$200,000 less than the new home we plan to purchase. And it's fully paid off.

We will be able to own the new home outright once the current home is sold. We have enough cash to make up the difference and then some, but not enough to cover the entire purchase price and closing costs for the new home. We will need to borrow about \$300,000 for a three- to six-month period between closing on the new home and closing on our current home.

What is the best loan product for that three- to six-month period? Should we take out a mortgage on the new home for \$300,000 then pay it in full as soon as we have the funds from the sale of the current house? Are there better options for a short-term loan of that size, for this purpose? We both have good credit scores and healthy retirement accounts.

We do not want to carry a mortgage on the new home after the current home sells.

A: Given the amount of cash that you have on hand, you have more financing options than you might think. Several options come to our mind: Obtain a new first loan on the home you currently own or take out a home equity line of credit (HELOC) on your current home.

If you take out a new first mortgage, the closing costs might be higher but the



It is best to meet with a mortgage lender or mortgage broker and discuss the best way to finance the purchase of your new home. DREAMSTIME

interest rate you might get will be lower and fixed for as long as you have the loan. You may also be able to trade off any out-of-pocket costs for a slightly higher interest rate. The equity line of credit might have a variable interest rate but may have few or no costs to obtain.

With these two options, you'll have to weigh the pros and cons of each loan type along with the costs. If you sell your existing home quickly, we think you're better off with paying little to nothing in upfront costs, although the interest rate might be higher on the equity loan. On the other hand, if it takes time to sell your home — admittedly

an unlikely scenario due to the strength of the seller's market nationwide — the lower interest rate of a fixed rate mortgage might pay off.

So, those are options if you decide to finance your existing home. But you could also take out a loan on the new property. One benefit of having the loan on the new home is that you'd have the option to keep the loan once the old home sells.

We get that you don't want to carry a mortgage on the new property, and you can pay it off immediately, but you may find you have another use for the cash (an investment or a second home purchase),

and this gives you options.

Your best bet is to sit down with a mortgage lender or mortgage broker and discuss how the numbers play out. Depending on the value of the existing home, you may not be able to borrow the full \$300,000 you need. Likewise, lenders may limit the amount you can take out when you do a cash out refinance your home.

For example, if a lender will only let you borrow a certain percentage of the value of the home and the \$300,000 you seek exceeds that percentage, you won't be able to move forward. You'll be better off taking out a loan on your new home.

One thing to remember is that most lenders will not refinance or allow you to open up a line of credit on a home that is listed for sale. So, make sure you apply for your loan well in advance of listing the property.

We've recently written about a few new ways to finance a purchase in our recent column about 2022 real estate trends. So-called iBuyers and "power buyer" companies will give you cash to buy your new home and then help you (if you need help) fixing up your existing home to sell. They'll often take a percentage of the sales price or they will co-invest with you and get their money back (and then

some) when you sell.

Most of these iBuyer and "power buyer" options may not suit your exact needs, but you should feel free to explore which process (traditional lending or one of these) will give you the cash you require for the lowest possible price. Start with a local mortgage lender and make sure you shop around with a variety of mortgage brokers and perhaps an online bank or regional lender before you make your final decision.

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If your basement has a sump pump, check and test it before spring begins. DREAMSTIME

HOME REMEDIES

Check out your basement before rainy spring begins

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

With the holidays and their aftermath taking up so much time, you probably haven't given much thought to your basement lately. But it's a good idea to take a look as spring approaches. The winter and spring seasons place a lot of pressure on your basement walls. If you live in a cold-winter region, the freezing and thawing cycle pushes and pulls on walls. Heavy rainfall creates hydrostatic pressure that presses against your basement. Either of these can lead to leaks and cracks in the long term.

By checking your basement regularly, you can catch minor problems before they expand out of control. Basement and foundation cracks only get worse and more expensive over time, so the more quickly you hire someone to repair them, the better. Here are some things to look for when inspecting your basement.

1. Look out for leaks and cracks

Go through your

basement and look for any signs of trouble.

Cracks and evidence of water leakage are the most significant problems to look for.

If you find small new cracks, note their location and check them regularly. Consider using a pencil to mark the location of the crack so you can tell later on if it's expanding.

If you find large cracks or currently expanding ones, call a pro for help.

Look closely at the walls for other telltale signs of trouble. If walls bulge inwards, that's a sign that groundwater pressure is beginning to take a toll.

Loose joints and cinder blocks sticking out are other trouble signs.

2. Check the basement after every rain

Take a look right after rainfall, and you can not only determine wet spots but where the leaks are coming from.

If you have a finished basement, look for wet spots in the carpet and near the corners. If your basement has a musty smell, water is probably getting in somewhere.

3. Inspect the exterior

Some of the most essential protections for your basement exist outside. Overflowing gutters pour a lot of water pressure onto your basement and foundation. Confirm that your gutters are clear of debris and that downspouts direct water at least 3 feet away from your home. Look around for erosion or telltale signs of water pooling in your yard, especially close to your foundation. If that's taking place, you may need a drainage or yard grading specialist to address it.

4. Test your sump pump

Your basement sump pump, should you have one, plays a vital role in maintaining a dry space. You should look at it every six months and make sure all is well. Clean out the bottom of the basin of any debris, and make sure nothing is blocking the grate or discharge pipe. Make sure the pump is level, upright, and plugged in. Fill up the basin with water. The pump should activate at that point. If it doesn't, ask a pro to take a look.

TREASURES

Newel post lamp likely made in the early 20th century

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: We found this lamp buried in an attic closet and are guessing it once belonged to my wife's grandmother. Can you tell us who made it, when it was made and the value? It stands about 2 feet high, is extremely heavy and on the bottom it is marked "Made in France."

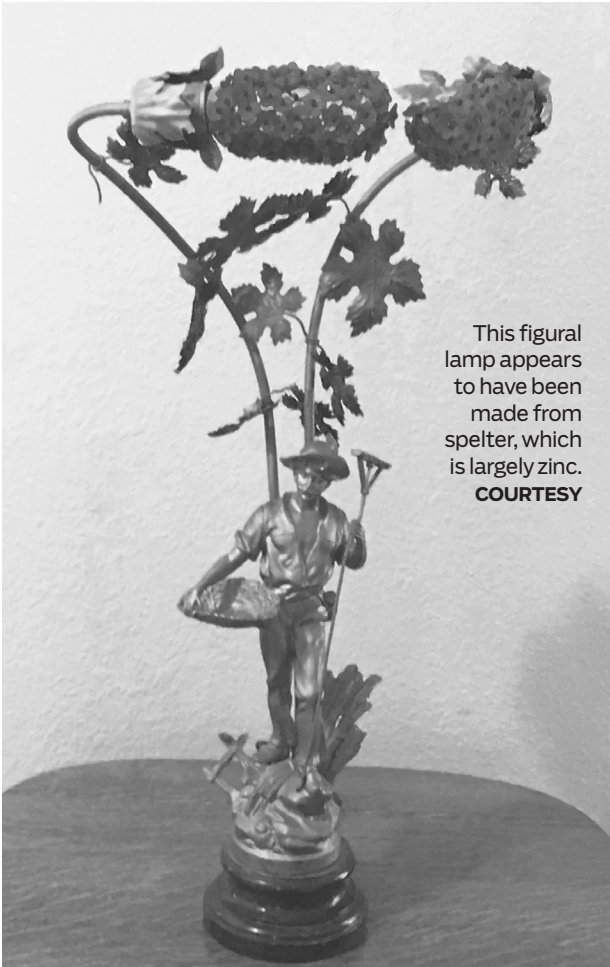
A: This is a newel post lamp that was used in Victorian and Edwardian homes to light the staircase to avoid falls and other misadventures. The newel post lamp was affixed to the top of the newel post, which is the column found at the foot of a staircase and used to support the railing or banister.

If the stair curved as it rose to the second floor, there might have been a newel post at the turn, and one of these lamps might have been placed there as well.

On occasion, in really large houses, lamps of this kind might have been placed on posts along the railing on the upper landing. But for the most part, the lamps were used at the foot of the stairs on a post that could be very ornamental.

Sometimes newel posts were lathe turned wood, but sometimes they were hollow and could be architectural in style. For the most part, lamps started being placed on newel posts in the mid-19th century, but most of the ones collectors find today are from the late 19th early 20th centuries.

Early newel lamps could be fueled with various fluids, including whale oil. Later, gas, kerosene and finally electricity fueled them. The example in today's question appears to one of the later models and probably graced a



This figural lamp appears to have been made from spelter, which is largely zinc. COURTESY

newel post sometime in the early 20th century. We feel the piece is from the first quarter. Newel post lamps often have a central figural component. They often feature neoclassical style women, cupids, Mercury or Hercules, blackamoors, gladiators, perhaps a boy with a pole over his shoulder or representations of agriculture, which describes the figure in today's question with its mustachioed man walking in a field with a rake and a basket.

Newel post lamps can be found carved from wood or cast from metal — such as brass and bronze — but a large portion of them were made from spelter or pot metal, the main component being zinc. The glass components that cover the light bulbs on this newel post lamp were

probably made in Bohemia (modern-day Czech Republic), and the base appears to be gilded and painted spelter. And as the marking says, it was "made in France." Fair market value on the piece is probably in the \$200 to \$300 range with a retail value in the neighborhood of \$500 to \$600.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 150 Gillette Road, New Hartford

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Property of the Week

Luxurious, sophisticated, and inviting log home nestled on over 60 acres

By James Alexander

For those who doubt that a log home can be simultaneously comfortable, luxurious, sophisticated, and inviting, a tour of this log home at 150 Gillette Road in New Hartford will be an eye opener. This home exceeds expectations in so many ways it may be difficult to keep track.

Start with the location. The approach on public roads goes through beautiful mature forests and farmland. Then, when arriving at the private gated drive, there is more mature forest to travel through before ending up at the manicured two-acre home site. The land that is part of this offering totals 62.5 acres, of which 60 acres have been designated forestland, which reduces taxes significantly. This designation, however, does not infringe on the owner's ability to enjoy the land or the private walking trails.



Then there is the home, with its open floor plan. Just to the right of the front door entry area is a step-down living room. It is large, with a soaring 24-foot high ceiling, yet it remains warm and inviting. The natural wood walls, a hallmark of a log home, and natural wood ceilings, give it a rustic feel, while the mahogany flooring adds a touch of sophistication. Here, there is room for a grand piano, a large sectional sofa, and a wall with built-in bookcases and space for two comfortable reading chairs.

It was at this point, while standing in the living room, that one additional advantage of a log home became instantly obvious. Even during a heat wave, with the outdoor thermometer heading for near triple-digit temperatures, the interior temperature remained perfectly comfortable, without the need for air conditioning.



While most people think about R-values for insulation in a typical home, log homes rely on thermal mass to moderate temperatures throughout the year. In this case, not only do the logs used in the walls make a substantial contribution to the building's thermal mass, but a massive and beautiful stone fireplace and chimney – real estate agent Jennifer Roller calls it a restaurant style fireplace with its five-foot firebox and



raised hearth – adds even more thermal mass to the living area. The result is a cool interior during a heat wave and when the snow flies, a cozy feeling of warmth that is easily maintained by the home's heating system.



Walk toward the rear of the home and you will be greeted by a large eat-in kitchen. Highlights include granite counters, beautiful red birch cabinets, and a large island, which features an overhang to accommodate snacking. The island also has a small vegetable prep sink in one corner, which augments the main sink. The floor here is tiled, though wide ash planks are used throughout the rest of the first and second floors, with the exception of the living room and tiled bathrooms.



Looking at the flooring and the natural wood surfaces that are used throughout, Roller said, "The quality is just exceptional. I really enjoy showing this home. It is so beautiful."

A large opening in the wall between the kitchen and the living room allows the cook to interact with guests. However, the height of this opening, combined with the sunken living room floor, keeps kitchen activities out of sight for people in the living room.

The dining room occupies the remaining part of the back portion of the home's first floor. Here, there is room for a table that seats 10, with space left over. Both the kitchen and dining room open to a wraparound deck that offers a hot tub for relaxing while taking in views of the woods beyond the manicured and fenced in backyard. Completing the first floor is a "gentlemen's room" just off the dining room. It comes with a wet bar, half bath and space for a pool table.

An open stairway leads to the three bedrooms on the second floor. These are accessed using a balcony that skirts the living room's inner walls, providing dramatic views to the space below.

The highlight of these bedrooms is the spacious master suite. Its custom master bath features a glass block shower and dual sink vanity. This suite also has a walk-in closet and a door that leads to a second



bedroom. Both of these bedrooms have a commanding view of the backyard, with its in-ground pool, cabana, horseshoe pits, and tall, mature trees. The third bedroom overlooks the front yard.

Each of these two non-master bedrooms have large closets and access to a full bath, which, along with the baths in the master suite and in the nearly fully finished walkout basement, has the added luxury of radiant floor heating.

In addition to that full bath, the basement has a home office, laundry room, a fully equipped gym, and a recreational room. "I'd say this lower area is 90 percent finished," Roller said.

This level also accesses a three-car garage with the vehicle bay on the end equipped with a 10-foot high overhead door. The 14-foot high garage ceiling means that an auto enthusiast could install a lift, while this last bay would also accommodate a small RV.

"This home is far from the mainstream and delightful," Roller said. "But, it's not too far away. Stores and restaurants are nearby," as are numerous services. And, as an added benefit for the next buyer, the seller is willing to sell the home fully furnished, if the buyer wishes, making this unique home and property move-in ready.



PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

150 Gillette Road, New Hartford

Year built: 2001
Price: \$1,125,000
Style: Log Home
Rooms: 10
Bedrooms: 3
Baths: 3 full; 1 half
Square footage: 6,890
Acreage: 62.5
Mill rate: 30.63
Best feature: Exceptional quality and privacy
Contact: Jennifer Roller
William Pitt Sotheby's International
860-459-0805
jroller@wpsir.com

WEST HARTFORD

Rarely Available!! This five bedroom, 3.1 bath colonial in sought after area- features privacy as well as a convenient location. Entering this inviting home there is a two-story foyer-turned staircase-front to back living room with built-ins, and fireplace. A spacious dining room with two built-in cupboards, a new half-bath (powder room)-a beautiful new kitchen with center island, granite counters, stainless steel appliances which steps into a family room with corner fireplace also there is a large sunroom which completes the first level. The second level has a large master suite with full bath and four good sized bedrooms- two additional bedrooms. The lower level has a large family room with gas fireplace and an exercise room. Other features include a new furnace and year old air conditioning system. In addition, lovely yard with large terrace/deck and hot tub, also an inground pool. This home is Not To Be Missed!! MLS # 170466982 \$799,900. 29 Mountain Terrace, West Hartford CT. John Lepore | jlepore@bhhsne.com | 860.798.7844



WEST HARTFORD

What a pleasure to see a home with the classic & charming features of the 1940's with so many of the updates & enhancements that make life easy in 2022. The improvements in this sunny colonial are impressive. They include new triple paned vinyl windows in 5 bedrooms, 3 upper level baths, attic, living room & dining room, double pane windows in basement. The sparkling white kitchen has a Viking gas cooktop and hood, new Quartzite counters, new SS oversized Kitchen Aid double wall ovens and dishwasher, armoire style Beko refrigerator, & stunning white tiled backsplash. New mechanicals include high efficiency Navien combo hot water & furnace system, high efficiency AC handler for 2nd & 3rd floor in attic with new condenser. New architectural shingle roof over the kitchen, new flat roof over office & 3 season room, fresh interior paint, new lighting fixtures/ceiling fans, sump pump & waterproofing system installed in basement. Fabulous layout with 1st floor family room, living room, dining room, 3 season room, and office with fantastic built-ins. 5 spacious bedrooms including a private 3rd floor guest suite. The finished portion of the basement includes a fireplace & is perfect as a playroom or gym. Imagine entertaining, kicking a ball, or relaxing on the bluestone patio in the flat & expansive backyard. Unmatched location in walking distance to Bishops Corner, WH Center & Bugbee Elem. School. Family Circle magazine named West Hartford one of America's 10 Best Towns for Families. MLS# 170469684 \$799,900. 41 Fulton Pl, West Hartford CT. Lori Meyerson | lm@bhhsne.com | 860-983-4792

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

AVON
2 Kirbyshire Lot 2, Rosenkranz, Barry M to Kambli, Shubhada V, 2/16, \$343,000
32 Grant Dr, Decker Ruth Grob Est and Watterworth, Gayle M to Glanovsky, Jason E, 2/15, \$240,000
49 Scarborough Dr, Mansour Developers Inc to Roberts, William J and Fransen, Joseph M, 2/14, \$830,804
390 Country Club Rd, Christy, Hilda S and Christy, Samuel to McClean, Mark N and McClean, Ariana, 2/14, \$690,000

BARKHAMSTED
34 N Canton Rd, Barkhamsted Town Of to Lamanna, Mark and Lamanna, Sandra M, 2/15, \$38,500

BEACON FALLS
2 Patricia Ter, Derrah Mary D Est and Donaldson, Eugene to Meka Constructing Corp, 2/14, \$151,000
4 Timber Ridge Ln, Temas, Brian G and Temas, Kathryn M to Connolly, Sean and Breault, Nicole, 2/17, \$460,000
11 Church St, Phillips, Scott T to Luby, Nicole K and Luby, Ryan J, 2/15, \$320,000

BETHANY
41 Marion Rd, Isbell, Mary and Vargo, Devin to Miller Jr, Keith D, 2/14, \$405,000
53 Lacey Rd, USA VA to Gales, Krishna and Lauer, Gunnar, 2/15, \$432,100

BETHEL
3 Oakview Ln Lot 31, Bethel Woods LLC to Berkowitz, Mark and Berkowitz, Patricia, 2/9, \$400,000
16 Hudson St Lot 22, Fabrizi, Gregory N to Philipp, Kelly L, 2/16, \$250,000
26 Greenwood Ave, Castell, Teresa to Magrone, Francis and Magrone, Mary J, 2/14, \$345,000
28 Garella Rd, Nash, Joseph A to Whelan, Kristopher, 2/16, \$335,000
32 Old Hawleyville Rd, Albrecht, Emma M to Giordano, Michael A, 2/15, \$230,000
33 Maple Ave, Deluca, Mirella and Saffi, Joseph A to Wainschotk, Gabriela and Devita, Vincent, 2/14, \$739,000
43 Whittlesey Dr Lot 43, Miller, Christopher and Norsworthy, Lindsay to Norsworthy, Thomas, 2/14, \$170,000

BETHLEHEM
Judson Ln, Derrig Rosemarie Est and Derrig, Rosemarie M to Kirchmann, Laszlo, 2/18, \$20,000
102 Main St N, J&R Homes LLC to Genarelli, Christian N, 2/15, \$288,000
108 Weekeepemee Rd, Mayer, Michael H and Mayer, Catherine M to Stuart, Alison N, 2/15, \$430,000

BLOOMFIELD
8 Beacon Hill Dr, Vanheel, Eric R and Vanheel, Ursula K to Taub, Paul, 2/15, \$455,000
1089 Blue Hills Ave Lot E, White, Corey to Davis, Phill L, 2/14, \$82,400

BOZRAH
3 Rachel Dr, DJ Commercial Realty LLC to CB Commercial Realty LLC, 2/16, \$812,000

BRIDGEPORT
14 Hastings St, Harrison, Richard to Francis, Natasha, 2/14, \$265,500
25 Cartridge St Lot 2J, Burgess Dorothy F Est and Gereda, Linda to Papademetriou, Katina A and Papademetriou, Alexander P, 2/17, \$110,000
25 Ellsworth St Lot 5, Janda, Jaime to Sullivan, Melissa and Sullivan, Shawn R, 2/14, \$142,000
38 Enid St Lot C, Clarke, David A and Rose, Marlene A to Feminelli, Amanda, 2/15, \$105,000
42 Loretta Pl, Patterson, Oniel to Agri-gnan, Abdul B, 2/16, \$295,000
48 Amsterdam Ave, Norel Apartments LLC to Amsterdam Partners LLC, 2/17,

33,100,000
100-102 Putnam St, Glasford, David to Bentzy 3 LLC, 2/16, \$355,000
136 Beechmont Ave, 3610 Holland Ave LLC to First Pick LLC, 2/16, \$350,000
169-173 Deacon St, Lawton, Harold and Lawson, Christine to Lewin, Sandra I, 2/16, \$108,000
272 Remington St, Pizarro, David to Puskas, Tamara, 2/16, \$99,900
305 Ruth St, Amburgh Elsie H Est and Koletar, Lorene to Lemus, Maria E, 2/15, \$216,000
305 Ruth St, Koletar, Lorene to Koletar, Lorene, 2/15, \$10,000
333 Vincellette St Lot 23, Brunetto, Michael A and Brunetto, Lori to Boursi-quot, Whuist, 2/14, \$145,000
350 Grovers Ave Lot 9A, Bowley, Deborah E to Michelangelo, Giuseppe and Michel-angelo, Michelle, 2/16, \$385,000
451 Logan St, Acevedo, Maria to Johnson, Joan V, 2/16, \$210,000
524-526 W Taft Ave, West Taft Ave LLC to Herbert, Brandon, 2/16, \$490,000
601 Gurdon St, Quick, Maria and Cusello, Anthony to Defilippo, Michael A, 2/16, \$175,000
644 Huntington Rd, US Bank NA Tr to Diaz, Caudy, 2/16, \$285,000
652-656 Courtland Ave, Mackinnon 3rd, Oliver P to Solon, Lindsey, 2/15, \$579,000
1116 State St Lot 1116, Sanchez, Paul to Castro, Adriana, 2/16, \$179,900
1282 Park Ave, Money Source Inc to Fatema&Salma LLC, 2/15, \$286,000
2326 Old Town Rd, Mace, Charles and Mace, Michele to Labonte Jr, Norman J and Labonte, Antoni, 2/14, \$300,000
2625 Park Ave Lot 25, Messier Bessie Est and Michael, George to Difiore, Wanda, 2/15, \$115,000
3200 Park Ave Lot 7F1, Israel Marvin Est and Frimmer, Heather I to Pettit, John and Pettit, Melinda, 2/15, \$107,500
3200 Park Ave Lot 7F1, Israel, Jane to Pettit, John and Pettit, Melinda, 2/15, \$107,500
3225 Madison Ave Lot 17, Gemza, Michael J to Gfeller, Lisa A, 2/17, \$220,000

BRISTOL
Cherry St, Mary A Renock 2008 RET and Renock, Mary J to Correa, Dajiahnique, 2/16, \$165,000
33 Church Ave, Roberge, Elijah W to CT 33 Church Ave LLC, 2/15, \$390,000
55 Robin St, Boada, Jean A to Infante, Maria and Gautier, Kenny, 2/17, \$290,000
61 Stewart St, Lowe, James and Lowe, Shelley to Antelo, Luis G, 2/17, \$229,900
71 Dolphin Rd, Cowan Investments LLC to Folchetti, Meghan and Fritz 4th, William A, 2/17, \$250,000
86 Birge Rd, Erwin, Kurt to Phaneuf, Christopher and Phaneuf, Michelle, 2/14, \$209,900
87 Beech St, RG Enterprizes LLC to Luu, Michael and Luu, David, 2/14, \$305,000
92 Round Hill Rd, Commodore Homes LLC to Labonte, Kristopher and Giuliano, Maria, 2/14, \$279,000
112 Putnam St, Lagasse, Julia L and Nadeau, Gerard W to Gervasi, Gaspare and Gervasi, Sebastiano, 2/14, \$240,000
140 Woodland St, Wright, Roselyn to Mario, Craig, 2/18, \$265,000
145 Collins Rd, Lussier, Barry and Lussier, Deborah to Luna, Jose and Cruz, Irma, 2/14, \$228,000
318 King St, Browning, Richard J and Browning, Aimee C to Bibi, Aiman, 2/14, \$243,000
513 Emmett St Lot B12, Pinewood Terrace Condo to Valerio, Gina and Valerio, Linda J, 2/14, \$105,000

BROOKFIELD
N/A, Baird, Larry to Edelmann, Anthony and Edelmann, Kelly, 2/14, \$245,000

1 Sycamore Ln, Vanachte, Mari W to Coakley, Daniel M, 2/16, \$360,000
40 Obtuse Rd N, Estrella, Linda to Griffith, Thomas F, 2/15, \$357,000

BROOKLYN
20 Fitzgerald Rd, Mangiarelli, Ann L to Koza, Jason, 2/16, \$469,900

BURLINGTON
29 Covey Rd Lot 25, Meadowbrook Dev LLC to Goodman, Arnold, 2/14, \$376,609
65 Wildcat Rd, Spiewak, Zygmunt and Spiewak, Valerie M to Baldino, Stephanie A and Baldino, Stephen A, 2/15, \$539,900

CHAPLIN
96 England Rd, England Homestead LLC to Stachura, Matthew, 2/16, \$220,000

CHESHIRE
Green Hill Ln, Swanson, Matthew D to Greeney, Daniel G, 2/18, \$449,900
N/A, Kennedy, Maureen T to Blois, Alison, 2/18, \$239,700
19 Balsam Pl, Clearview Mckinley Ests to Patel, Ankur and Patel, Nilom A, 2/14, \$676,400
36 Currier Pl Lot 36, Mlpi LLC to Robert-son, William and Robertson, Rachel, 2/17, \$249,900
56 Old Towne Rd Lot 56, Sperruzzi, Adrienne to Golembeski, David J, 2/15, \$282,000
90 Lynnwood Dr, Muller Ann Est and Norback, Sarah J to Silver Lining Hm CT LLC, 2/16, \$238,791
449 Robin Ct Lot 449, Pratt, Jennie E and Alford, Jennie E to Shove, Ryan P, 2/15, \$172,100
484 Oak Ave Lot 55, Gallagi, Paula and Langlois, Paula G to Casey, Douglas J and Perreault, Olivia G, 2/14, \$125,000
1708 Orchard Hill Rd, Anastos, Tarsey J to First Amer Home Const LLC and Ahlquist, Jeffrey, 2/18, \$209,000

COLCHESTER
Bulkeley Hill Rd Lot 54, Balaban, Mark A to Henderson, Eric, 2/14, \$30,000
Weston Ter, North Pond Homes LLC to Scutnik, Joshua and Scutnik, Alessandra, 2/8, \$657,000
White Oak Farm, Goldberg Estates LLC to Christine Sarisley RET and Sarisley, Christine, 2/10, \$412,162
6 Westchester Hls Lot A, Kelly, Meagan R to Cote, Danielle S, 2/14, \$150,000
10 Old Country Rd, Rottman Diane M Est and Kawecky, Arlene to Wagner, Anthony and Gruszka, David, 2/18, \$180,000
63 Highwood Cir Lot 63, Carmichael, Rose L to Painchaud, Michael P, 2/14, \$320,000
80 Balaban Rd, Balaban, Mark A to Duffy, Benjamin C, 2/14, \$135,000
80 Balaban Rd, Balaban, Mark A to Duffy, Benjamin C and Tarnowski, Daniel, 2/14, \$195,000
117 Pinebrook Rd, Dimmock, Edward J and Dimmock, Julia E to Whited, Dorothy, 2/11, \$439,900
124 Halls Hill Rd, Marvin, Reynold to MLB Properties LLC, 2/16, \$130,000
216 Park Ave, Laufer, Virginia M to Gilligan, Kathleen M, 2/14, \$247,000

COLUMBIA
185 Route 87, Fred F Leone 2nd RET and Benson, Dawn L to Mary Lou Leone RET and Leone, Mary Lou, 2/17, \$242,500

CORNWALL
Grange Hall Rd Lot D, 40 Cobble Hill Road LLC to Barton, Russell and Stone, Susan, 2/14, \$1,050,000
40 Cobble Hill Rd, 40 Cobble Hill Road LLC to Barton, Russell and Stone, Susan, 2/14, \$3,600,000

COVENTRY
57 Lakeview Dr, Ellis Heather L Est and Ellis, Glenn G to Wesolowski, Adam J, 2/17, \$144,300

146 Satari Dr, Nordic Builders Of Tollan to Camacho, Jaime A, 2/15, \$662,949
207 Fieldstone Ln, Merrick, Richard to Calderon, Kevin T and Toro, Johanna, 2/16, \$310,000

CROMWELL
9 Black Birch Dr, Pajak, Edward S to Wein-stock, Nancy J, 2/15, \$565,000
12 Iris Ct, Carrier Group Inc to Henry, Heath, 2/14, \$707,546
22 Mohawk Ct Lot 22, Kelleher, Katelyn to 93 Daniel LLC, 2/16, \$228,500

DARIEN
11 Old Stone Rd, Feng, William C and Feng, Weining F to Drayer, Barbara, 2/14, \$1,225,000
14 Oak Park Ave, Brennan, Deborah A to Snively, Craig and Snively, Jennifer, 2/15, \$1,465,012
17 Sunset Rd, Doherty, Allison to Sheha, Evan and Swick, Jessica, 2/15, \$2,395,000
41 Old Farm Rd, Walworth, Jeanne B to Kraenzlin, Rene, 2/10, \$1,700,000
93 Old Kings Hwy S, 93 Kings Prop LLC to Warwick, Trevor, 2/14, \$3,100,000

DERBY
Beau Vue Heights Condo Lot 606, Kennedy, Patricia E to Caserta, Anthony A, 2/14, \$170,001
8 Burtville Ave, Tingley, Colleen to Micadam LLC, 2/15, \$65,000
103 Caroline St, Vivo, Melissa to Kalala, Mervelle, 2/14, \$300,000
129 Mount Pleasant St Lot 129, Canaan, Arlette to Cameron, Sanhia, 2/14, \$180,000

DURHAM
83 David Rd, Burnett, Gary D and Burnett, Nicole S to Hanks Jr, James M and Hanks, Christine A, 2/14, \$350,000

EAST HADDAM
Ferry Rd, Main St 40 LLC to Unger, David C and Quinn, Kathleen, 2/14, \$317,750
Ferry Rd, Main St 40 LLC to Unger, David C and Quinn, Kathleen, 2/14, \$781,250
14 Casner Rd, Casner, Robert R to Morecon Builders LLC, 2/16, \$57,500
16 Casner Rd, Casner, Robert R to Morecon Builders LLC, 2/16, \$57,500
40 Warner Rd, Gilchrist, John M and Joyce, Judy M to Castro, Jaime A and Velez, Carmita J, 2/18, \$300,000
110 Falls Rd, Drenega George P Est and Drenega, Joseph to Dutch, Bruce, 2/18, \$147,500

EAST HAMPTON
27 Ola Ave, Trumbull Sr, Thomas L and Trumbull, Donna M to Alves, Traci M and Trumbull Jr, Thomas L, 2/17, \$305,000
30 Wangonk Trl, Gee, Jason A to Yi, Christo-phert, 2/11, \$275,000
31 N Main St, Plummer, Gregory to Good-speed, Scott, 2/15, \$145,000
206 E High St Lot 19, PCG Credit Partners LLC to Diaz, Giovanni J, 2/16, \$198,000

EAST HARTFORD
19-21 Hamner St, Alexander, Racquel to Mota&Garcia LLC, 2/14, \$205,000
35 Zimmer Rd, Tysza, Timothy to Giuliano, Haley and Giuliano, Sebastian, 2/14, \$350,000
44 Taylor St, Cooke, Chimere to Thornton, Jalisa T, 2/14, \$250,000
81 Footpath Ln, Chen, Zeng J to Biggs, Monique, 2/16, \$300,000
85-87 Elida Ct, Grant, Dion to Cooke, Chimere L, 2/15, \$300,000
93 Burnbrook Rd, Knie, Loraine A to Rana, Amy R, 2/17, \$245,000
100 Latimer St, Grant, Rebecca E to Jenkins, Katryce, 2/15, \$200,000
128 Tiffany Rd, Maiorano, Diane L and Mcgee, Nancy L to Kwarteng, Bernice, 2/15, \$229,000
154 Bradley St, Mazzei, Gaetano and

Mazzei, Mady to Carrillo, Christian G, 2/14, \$224,000
155 Harvest Ln, Alves, Daniel A and Alves, Maria L to Khan, Jamyattulla and Khan, Purnawattie, 2/14, \$325,000
339 Goodwin St, Ortega, Antonia to Cuadros, Ismael, 2/17, \$157,500
654 Goodwin St, Acosta, Jeffrey to Higgin-botham, Leah A and Perez, Amy M, 2/14, \$251,000

EAST HAVEN
Park St Lot 60, Thy, Phin and Nuon, Channy to Thy, Stephanie, 2/14, \$138,000
36 Pirot Cir, Santos, Roberto and Neou, Siaun to Albakkour, Majed and Alhesou, Mohammad, 2/18, \$270,000
133 Mulholland Way Lot 82, Ral North Haven LLC to Bhattacharya, Bishwajit and Mukherjee, Debasree, 2/16, \$399,900

EAST LYME
11 King Arthur Dr Lot 4G, Gjini, Gjin to Patel, Dimple, 2/17, \$143,000
22 Beckwith St, Beechwood Properties LLC to Ashley, Timothy S, 2/16, \$300,000
81-A Quarry Dock Rd, Dombrowski Joseph P Est and Majchrzak, John to Barbara N Murin T and Murin, Barbara N, 2/18, \$900,000
103 Dean Rd, Delk, Amanda C and Delk, Jordan to Weymers, Berit A and Weymers, Robert J, 2/14, \$320,000

EASTON
15 Riverside Ln, Pertesis, Kathy to Lee, Myung and Lee, Christine, 2/16, \$1,365,000
22 Ballwall Rd, Kalaj, Gjon to Grewal, Tejinder and Grewal, Harminder, 2/18, \$2,350,000
30 Crossbow Ln, Arnold Dangelo RET and Godzeno, Robert M to Kiernan, Michael and Kiernan, Pamela, 2/14, \$1,600,000
34 Sweetbrier Trl, Kalaj, Gjon to Grewal, Tejinder and Grewal, Harminder, 2/18, \$2,350,000
35 Abbey Rd, Blair, Betty J to Fujii, Michael P and Fujii, Nancy, 2/14, \$1,615,000

ENFIELD
1 Prior Rd, Hillebrecht Group LLC to ETR Operating LLC, 2/15, \$3,500,000
5 Redwood St, Issa, Ahmed to Guduk, Elif and Guduk, Emre, 2/16, \$321,000
6 Debra St, Raymond Robert D Est and Raymond, Regina O to Trueman, Ashley, 2/15, \$260,000
6 Hathaway Ave, Craig, Anthony J and Mancini, Lucille to Malloy, Dolores A, 2/18, \$328,000
10 Quaker Ln, AH Sullivan LLC to Lloyd, William and Colaccino, Gabriella, 2/18, \$283,000
10 Shaker Rd, Shaker Road Prop LLC to 238 Shaker Road LLC, 2/16, \$715,000
19 Parker St, Gallo, Sharon to Nguyen, Thanh, 2/15, \$103,000
25 Magnolia Dr, Bednarz, Jean A to Gmachowski, Sean and Gmachowski, Jessika, 2/18, \$255,000
26 Meadowlark Rd, Polek, Mark to Polek, Rebecca, 2/16, \$59,000
78 Putnam Ln, Baez, Luis A and Hant-zos, Carol J to Grassnola, Steven M and Grassnola, Angelique, 2/17, \$255,000
142 Pearl St, Obrien, Leslie A to Grados, Vanessa A, 2/14, \$240,000

FAIRFIELD
Brookside Dr, Erol, Irfan to Barriga, Omar, 2/14, \$353,000
Tunxis Hill Rd, Ralnoc Associates LLC to Nadg NNN Sas LP, 2/15, \$181,400
N/A Lot 2, John Zeiss Jr RET and Zeiss, Francesca to Zeiss 3rd, John J, 2/17, \$810,000
3 Old Black Rock Tpke, Concepts USA Inc to Old Black Rock LLC, 2/14, \$450,000
8 Beaumont Pl, Smith, Frances L to Collins, Kathleen, 2/17, \$400,000
9 Old Black Rock Tpke, Concepts USA Inc to Old Black Rock LLC, 2/14, \$450,000

20 Arrowhead Ln, John Zeiss Jr RET and Zeiss, Francesca to Zeiss 3rd, John J, 2/17, \$810,000
35 Renchy St, Nielsen Judith S Est and Dupuis, Lisa to Rafferty, James P and Valse, Amanda C, 2/17, \$470,000
36 Nepas Rd, Lucia-Miner, Andrea L and Miner, Darran F to Rabin, Monica and Rabin, Michael, 2/18, \$1,060,000
47 Rodgers Rd Lot 47, Mascia, Anthony to Malaver, Mauricio, 2/15, \$308,999
54 Lloyd Dr, Crowley Jr, Edward V and Crowley, Kathleen M to Goncalves, Michelle, 2/17, \$381,100
78 Rana Pl, 78 Rana Place LLC to Harwood, Alexander and Szanto, Martine, 2/18, \$530,000
93 Taunton Rd, Jennings, Kevin and Jennings, Jill to Cazeneuve, Jean Marc and Woodhall, Helen, 2/15, \$730,000
103 Bulkley Dr, Puryear, Paul L and Puryear, Brenda R to Mankoo, Harpeet S and Singh, Bhairavi, 2/15, \$1,060,000
120 Mervins Ln, Admiral Packaging Inc to Hurley, Brian, 2/15, \$30,000
129 York Rd, Mendez, Michael and Mendez, Elizabeth to Zambrano, Nelson, 2/14, \$500,000
155 Alden St, Desrosiers Jr, Jean P to Cooper, Larry, 2/15, \$510,000
190 Sherman St, 190 Sherman Street LLC to Mckenzie Real Estate Grp, 2/14, \$507,500
200 Autumn Ridge Rd, Autumn Ridge Road Assoc to Merrill, Gregory D and Merrill, Victoria, 2/16, \$550,000
205 Stillson Rd, Padula, John W to Peter-son, Alan and Peterson, Susan, 2/17, \$650,000
211 Coventry Ln, Scott, Mark to Madry, Joaquin L and Madry, Cristina, 2/15, \$1,800,000
219 York Rd, Mennona, Aldona to Toohy, Jenna G, 2/14, \$589,900
222 Southport Woods Dr Lot 222, Alber-telli, Sarah A to Reuse, Ricardo and Carle, Douglas, 2/16, \$440,000
241 Alden St, Jorgensen, Anna M and Jorgensen, Kim A to Beach Walk Homes LLC, 2/15, \$455,000
254 Penfield Rd, Cross 3rd, John J and Cross, Meredith B to Schneider, Cory and Schneider, Jill, 2/15, \$3,100,000
345 Flintlock Rd, Perera, Ian N and Perera, Teresa F to Flavin 3rd, John F, 2/18, \$1,336,000
558 S Pine Creek Rd, Sheppard, Elizabeth W to Katzen, Sue, 2/16, \$805,000
823 Oldfield Rd, Papadopoulos, John S to Sheppard, Elizabeth W, 2/16, \$655,000
3565 Redding Rd, Bransby-Zachary, Charles and Bransby-Zachary, Ghislaine to Walker, Cassandra and Walker, Brian, 2/18, \$835,000

FARMINGTON
38 Robin Rd, Cataldo, Michael V to Kazimierz-Budz, Thomas, 2/3, \$164,500

GLASTONBURY
12 Old Reservoir Rd, Callahan, Kieran and Callahan, Margaret to Baird, Jason and Baird, Marcia, 2/14, \$670,000
15 Firethorn Dr Lot 15, Loonsdale, Thomas M to Baballeku, Gulio and Baballeku, Roberts, 2/18, \$207,000
24 Blue Hills Trl, Zafirris, Theodore J to Fuller, David A and Fuller, Daria C, 2/18, \$570,000
32 Willieb St Lot A1, Gerald S Young RET and Young, John P to Sabio, Jordan, 2/14, \$133,000
39 Smithbrook Ter, Gustafson John R Est and Fitzgerald, Timothy J to Mcconville, Joseph and Mcconville, Kaitlyn, 2/14, \$452,500
42 Talcott Rd, Aspris, Despina to Chon, Chiyong and Yun, Yeseong, 2/17, \$350,000
60 Rambling Brook Ln Lot 42, Harvey, Rudean to Gonzalez, Peter and Hidalgo, Miriam, 2/16, \$105,000
77 Hopewell Hts, Connwell 77 LLC to Moeller, Carl and Moeller, Tammysue A, 2/17, \$220,000

83 Copley Rd Lot 83, Favreau, Diane M, 2/16, \$283,500
103 Southpond Rd, US Yuska, Gerald, 2/16, \$160,000
160 Oak St Lot 4H, LLC to Nicola Property \$201,000
188 Pratt St, Mcclen-man, Kostantin and B, 2/16, \$283,500
1034 Hebron Ave, Nan Cretella, Thomas and 2/15, \$325,000
1069 Manchester Rd, and Frye, Richard W, 2/14, \$306,000
1471 New London Tpk to Maurer, Cynthia H R, 2/14, \$480,000

GREENWICH
Griffith Rd, Healy Mi-niti, Patricia to Glowi-2/17, \$1,020,000
Nicholas Ave, Tara De-to Levine, Milana, 2/16, \$283,500
Tomas Ave, Chiappet-tese, Rocco to Fourte-LLC, 2/14, \$1,200,000
2 Broad Rd, 2 Broad Rd David W to Red Marin-LLC, 2/14, \$306,000
2 Raymond St, Ann W Weihs, Ann W to Soule-Soulas, Joanna C, 2/16, \$489,500
3 Hylcliff Rd, Ekholm, Madeleine to Sam RE-10 Macarthur Dr, Dec-Mac LLC, 2/17, \$907,000
10 Stillman Ln, Wrigh-Kuncham, Bhlarat and 2/15, \$4,895,000
11 Lafayette Ct Lot 10 Jean Est and Riggs, R-Morgan F, 2/14, \$850,000
17 Chestnut St, FHLM-\$700,000
18 Hedgerow Ln, Bozz-Roure-Bozza, Rita M to John T and Woodruff, \$3,280,000
20 Homestead Ln, De-Dipietro, Frank A, 2/17, \$1,300,000
22 Hollow Wood Ln, 22 LLC to Christian, Dan-2/17, \$1,300,000
26 Riversville Rd, Dec-Dipietro, Frank A, 2/17, \$1,300,000
28 Hawthorne St S, Zi-Nielsen, Marylee and Liu, Mong C, 2/16, \$33,000
33 Ballwater Rd, Belli-Lapalme, Samantha J, ary C, 2/14, \$4,145,000
35 Hidden Brook Rd, Stein, Thomas J to Ha-Jason, 2/14, \$5,500,000
191 Milbank Ave Lot F PH LLC to 191 Milban-\$3,950,000
192 Hamilton Ave, Pir-and Vecchiolla, John T-Tong-Shen, Dana, 2/16, \$256,667
193 Hamilton Ave Lot Henrique and Porter, Terry, 2/17, \$701,000
239 Palmer Hill Rd, Al-Jamjoom, Hani to But-Butorac, Margaret, 2/17, \$794 North St, Wall, R-Wall, Steve to Reynw-\$3,200,000

GRISWOLD
34 Oakville Rd, Camp-Cholewa, Dannie J an-2/10, \$32,500

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Trizon Asset Mgmt ies LLC, 2/18,

on, Samuel to Bruk-rukman, Svetlana,

mnoun, Todd to Cretella, Linda,

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ing, Hing, Christopher and Sullivan, Daniel

hnel J Est and Cami-Home Solutions LLC,

velopment USA Corp 7, \$1,500,000

ta C A Est and Geno-en Tomac Avenue

NT and Hopper, e T, 2/17,

Weihs RET and as, Bradley L and 5, \$1,900,000

Borje and Ekholm, T, 2/16, \$4,775,000

aro 3rd, Fred A to 10 252

t, Wendy to and Kuncham, Shirin,

C, Riggs Patricia Robert S to Shannon, 000

to Su, Yi, 2/17,

za, Anthony T and to Woodruff Jr, Mallory H, 2/14,

caro 3rd, Fred A to 5, \$650,000

2 Holw Wood Lane el and Milord, Laura,

aro 3rd, Fred A to 5, \$700,000

uccerella John A Est to Huang, Xueqing 4, \$814,000

ssimo, Kathleen J to and Lapalea, Zach-0

stein, Mary S and lio, Carey and Halio, 00

2, 191 Milbank Ave k Ave LLC, 2/17,

mpinelisa J Est to Shen, William and 7, \$313,333

rlor, Peter A to Shen, on, Dana, 2/17,

17, Castrioto, Angela L to Ellman,

yafi, Rusha and orac, Eric and 15, \$1,825,000

xanna R and ood 1 LLC, 2/16,

bell Jr, Richard L to d Cholewa, Terry D,

an, Eugene C to At

Last LLC, 2/9, \$415,000

HAMDEN

Dudley St, Baugh, Shari A and Wright, Blossom to Figgs, Wanda and Figgs, Tyron, 2/7, \$209,900

Ursini Dr Lot 18, Riddick, Alicia to Richard-son, Shatisha, 2/1, \$375,000

18 Edgemere Rd, Gigantino, Caroline F to Burt, Brenda A, 2/2, \$325,000

95 Riverside Dr, Robert C Bayd T and Byrd, Gennetta to Vanguard Management LLC, 2/2, \$195,000

125 Park Rd, Orzolek Elizabeth A Est and Orzolek, Thomas S to Annatone, Jonathan M, 2/4, \$200,000

HARTFORD

18-20 Bond St, Pena, Jaime J to Brilliant Jr, Pierre A, 2/17, \$320,000

21 Ashley St, Barriga, Luis and Varnai, Miriam to Charlessandy, Darlene, 2/17, \$395,000

28 Cone St, Gale, John Q to Gale, Nathaniel J and Mcnair, William T, 2/18, \$1,675,000

31 Woodland St Lot 9T, Hennessy Mary F Est and Shaw, Maura H to Dacy Real Est LLC, 2/18, \$97,500

33 Putnam Hts, Bermudez, Tanya M to Chacon, Maggie, 2/18, \$175,000

43-45 Barnard St, USA HUD to Carter, Munroe, 2/16, \$160,000

54 Risley St, Hartford Town Of to Nieves, Erica, 2/14, \$147,600

57 Risley St, Hartford Town Of to Barrie, Ibrahim and Mansaray, Mariama, 2/14, \$162,000

60 E Burnham St, Jones, Brenda J to Wilmer, Gloria J, 2/15, \$61,000

80 Burnham St, Jameson, Sandra J to Hume, Carlton, 2/18, \$96,000

82 Hawthorn St, Nina Properties LLC to Samuels, Leroy R and Samuels, Doreen D, 2/18, \$245,000

105-107 Mountford St, Valentin, Ramon T and Valentin, Ana L to Douglis, Salim O, 2/14, \$285,500

133-135 Bonner St, Mealha, Daniel B and Mealha, Maria P to Mealha, Philippe, 2/14, \$320,000

169-171 Hillside Ave, Trinity Hillside LLC to 169 Hillside Ave LLC, 2/18, \$375,000

204-206 Franklin Ave, Ameljan, Joanna to Adam Homes Ltd, 2/14, \$120,000

230-232 Farmington Ave Lot F4, Adjuster Properties LLC to Stowe, John W, 2/14, \$50,000

241 Coventry St, Robertson, Valerie P and Nixon, Helen B to Colquhoun, Melodie, 2/15, \$136,000

305 Lyme St, Williams, Dave E and Williams, Andrea A to Brown, Kirkland, 2/15, \$152,000

325-327 W Preston St, Calafiore, Paula to Clark, Gwendolyn, 2/16, \$225,000

540-542 Franklin Ave, Reyes, Gladys to Bell, Tyrohn V, 2/16, \$400,000

618 Blue Hills Ave, Nabi, Shawn and Ali, Chahman to Talsal LLC, 2/14, \$360,000

926 Wethersfield Ave Lot 1, Wehttam Assn LLC to Sharra, Elida, 2/14, \$60,000

2285-2289 Main St, Real Land Holdings LLC to Just Another Property LLC, 2/14, \$30,000

HARWINTON

194 Birge Park Rd, Blais, Kevin M to Mitchell, Tyler J and Flood Jr, Francis T, 2/17, \$230,000

HEBRON

425 Gilead St, Tedeschi, Lucia and Tedeschi, Mark J to Basdekis, Thomas, 2/16, \$105,000

KENT

Studio Hill Rd, Indorf Jr, Robert H and Indorf, Kollen H to Olsen, Lance M and Olsen, Andrea L, 2/17, \$850,000

22 Old Paddock Ln, Dwy, David A to Cassina, Mark and Cassina, Amanda, 2/17, \$140,000

42 Davis Rd, KMKW Homes LLC to KMKW Land LLC, 2/14, \$178,000

65 Kenmont Rd, Campland Inc to KMKW Land LLC, 2/14, \$2,822,000

KILLINGLY

8 Leander St, Simeone, Carol A and Ciotola, Donald M to Vandersluis, Kala, 2/17, \$290,000

13 Rosedale St, Walker, Luke to Delgado, Kaylyn, 2/16, \$287,500

14 Buck St, Slater, Heather to Olivelli, Julianne and Colafrancesco, Troy J, 2/14, \$212,000

53 Carol Ave, Phongsa, Linna and Keomanivong, Aksonethip to Vogel, Tiffany L, 2/14, \$291,000

103 Green Hollow Rd, Belmont Homes LLC to Lucier, Amber, 2/16, \$333,900

194 Roth Rd, Jennings 3rd, Russell W and Jennings, Katharina to Singleton, Brandon, 2/14, \$420,000

KILLINGWORTH

Parker Hill Rd Ext, Pattaconk Farm 2nd LLC to CT Clinical Services Inc, 2/17, \$300,000

47 Parker Hill Rd Ext, Pattaconk Farm 4 LLC to CT Clinical Services Inc, 2/17, \$325,000

59 Parker Hill Rd Ext, Pattaconk Farm 59 LLC to CT Clinical Services Inc, 2/17, \$600,000

65 Parker Hill Rd Ext, Pattaconk Farm LLC to CT Clinical Services Inc, 2/17, \$4,750,000

79 Parker Hill Rd Ext, Pattaconk Farm 79 LLC to CT Clinical Services Inc, 2/17, \$775,000

LEBANON

Schalk Rd, Conley, Janet T to Designed Modular Hm, 2/15, \$26,000

LEDYARD

4 Laurel Leaf Dr, Gerald N Smith RET and Delaura, Carl A to Grimes, Andrew S, 2/14, \$237,000

6 Blacksmith Dr, US Bank NA Tr to Hana-nia, Sakher M, 2/15, \$155,000

13 Eska Dr, Tunucci, Bryan P and Tunucci, Karen F to Walker, Julie M and Kiriakou, Savas, 2/16, \$485,000

116 Meeting House Ln, Monument Street LLC to Ghiarducci, Jocelynn I and Ghilar-ducci, Stephen M, 2/17, \$215,000

LISBON

236 Preston Allen Rd, Desrosiers Jr, Phillip L to PCNC LLC, 2/18, \$75,000

MADISON

24 Brookview Ter, Crowley, Whitney to Crowley, Brian, 2/11, \$118,000

53 Johnson Ln, Caffrey, Elizabeth A and Caffrey, Margaret E to Meder, Samantha D, 2/17, \$341,000

MERIDEN

N/A, Larios, Paola A to Sciola, Sherri Anne M, 2/16, \$240,000

12 Prescott St, Martinez, Wilson and Martinez, Monica to Scott Jr, Kenneth L, 2/17, \$190,000

21 Summer St, Milano Jr, Louis F to Gonzale-z, Ever and Malcodnado, Elaine, 2/16, \$210,000

27 Grant St, Z&R Properites LLC to Carrillo, Victor A, 2/14, \$214,500

31 S 1st St, Leighton, Ashley to Elm City Acquisitions LLC, 2/17, \$190,000

41 Williams St, Johnson, Rebecca and Chandler, Austin P to Quianes, Edgar and Tapia, Leidy E, 2/17, \$247,500

53 Plumb Ave, Bricks&Chips LLC to Marti-nez, Maria L, 2/16, \$215,000

61 Colony St, Catholic Charities Inc to Plann Investments 2 LLC, 2/17, \$250,000

78 Leonard St, Ortiz, Harry to Miranda, Leticia M, 2/17, \$244,000

86 Boylston St, Scott, Sebastian E to Luciano, Abimeal, 2/14, \$270,000

87 Sperry Ln, Mitchell, Marybeth and

Mitchell, Michael to Fuentes, Jonathna L, 2/14, \$300,000

123 Bunker Ave, Kiss, Loralei and Irish, Rebecca to Watts, Michael A and Watts, Donte, 2/17, \$173,000

164 Robin Hill Rd, KKP Design LLC to Rogers Jr, Lawrence, 2/14, \$310,000

170 Oak St, Wells Fargo Bank NA to Pandemic Proof Virtual, 2/17, \$161,500

181 Hicks St Lot 4G, Marroquin, Jose R to Lumpkin, Cynthia J, 2/14, \$130,000

250 Bunker Ave, Rodriguez, Jose A and Cordero, Patricia L to Sandoval-Rodri-guez, Melvin, 2/17, \$210,000

251 Bunker Ave, Rodriguez, Jose A and Cordero, Patricia L to Sandoval-Rodri-guez, Melvin, 2/17, \$210,000

252 Bunker Ave, Rodriguez, Jose A and Cordero, Patricia L to Sandoval-Rodri-guez, Melvin, 2/17, \$210,000

312 Broad St, 312 Broad Street LLC to Murphy, Paula A and Murphy, Ryan T, 2/16, \$285,000

793 W Main St Lot C, Nakouzi, Joseph A to Gomes-Crespo, Maria, 2/17, \$125,000

1575 E Main St, Grosby, Kevin to Tiezzi, Tarah and Bruenn, Christopher, 2/16, \$165,000

MIDDLEBURY

9 Bristol Rd, Yimoyines, Linda and Yimoyines, Dean J to Round Cove T, 2/16, \$3,995,000

22 Washington Dr, JTH Builders LLC to Paradisi, Matthew and Paradisi, Monika, 2/16, \$130,000

29 Tranquility Rd, Jacobi, C Michael and Jacobi, Kris E to Tranquillity Estate LLC, 2/17, \$2,000,000

49 Breakneck Hill Rd, Honegger, Erma and American Advisors Group to Williams, Peter L, 2/14, \$297,192

104 Burr Hall Rd, Smolkis, Richard J and Smolkis, Patricia R to Suzanne VonLiebig T, 2/14, \$450,000

184 Ridgewood Dr Lot 184, Toll CT 2 LP to Fappiano, Michelle A and Fappiano, Gene M, 2/18, \$571,874

186 Ridgewood Dr Lot 186, Toll CT 2 LP to Savarese, John, 2/18, \$595,296

317 Porter Ave, Castlemore RE LLC to Sullivan, Mariannina and Difore, Annarita, 2/18, \$280,000

470 South St, Warinner Jr, Edwin D and Warinner, Annalisa W to Robinson, Peter and Robinson, Elizabeth, 2/17, \$955,000

MIDDLETOWN

Monarca Dr, Monarca, Giuseppa to Beierle, Lisa M and Beierle, Joseph S, 2/10, \$85,000

N/A, Liberty Bank to Wesleyan University, 2/18, \$3,100,000

3 Canterbury Ct Lot 1, Eckhoff, Timothea I to Soliman RE Invs LLC, 2/18, \$159,000

23 Brookview Ln, Hassan, Mohammed I to Hassan, Mohammed I, 2/17, \$330,000

40 Tryon St, DeFrancesco, Susan T and DeFrancesco Jr, Joseph to Thomas, Andre O, 2/14, \$265,000

51 Sears St, Wentzell, Kurt R to Errichetti, Megan M, 2/15, \$310,000

106 Cambridge Cmns Lot 106, Cronin, Shawn R and Kain, Alan to Boichuk, Kris-tina, 2/16, \$205,000

111 Dekoven Dr, Theodore&Associates LLC to Delgado, Jayson and Delgado, Sandra, 2/11, \$110,000

119 Burgundy Hill Ln Lot 119, Inserra, Gaetano and Rizzo, Vittoria to Roman, Rosaïda, 2/16, \$99,000

181 Smith St, Diccico, Thomas to Mccall, Jodi, 2/16, \$310,000

199 Ballfall Rd, Mazzotta, Joseph and Mazotta, Josephine to Ball, Nicole R and Ball, John M, 2/3, \$385,000

200 Saybrook Rd, Magnano, Ahmed N, 2/10, \$360,000

231 George St, Tong, Marie C to Pajak, Andrew, 2/14, \$265,000

233 Millbrook Rd, Calvo, Salvatore to Chisem Jr, Carl, 2/16, \$425,000

593 Washington St, 593 Wa Street Realty LLC to Middletown Car Wash Props, 2/14, \$2,400,000

821 Millbrook Rd, Burke, Robin L and Liva, Enrico P to Decker, Steven C, 2/3, \$845,000

1604 Bartholomew Rd, Grammatico, John to Spaulding, Kaylin A, 2/14, \$305,000

MONROE

28 Crestwood Rd, Kapoor, Anuj and Sharma, Prena to Dedek, Mark and Wu, Chen, 2/11, \$541,000

33 Bagburn Rd, Caterson Robert V Est and Thomson, Catherine L to Mastroiano, John P and Mastroiano, Christine M, 2/15, \$525,000

36 Senior Dr Lot 36, Plude Leonard J Est and Olsen, Carol A to Plude, Gary A, 2/15, \$100,000

39 Georges Ln, Firla, William F and Firla, Patricia C to Riback, Neil W, 2/16, \$615,000

58 Hiram Hill Rd, Shaham, Mohammed F to Rivera, Jason A, 2/14, \$355,000

77 Highland Dr Lot 77, Miklovich Constance D Est and Miklovich, Sean P to Kish, Margit K, 2/15, \$290,000

81 Bart Rd, Faustini, Rosemary R and Costantini, Camilla R to CT Hm Renova-tions LLC, 2/10, \$75,000

NAUGATUCK

Graham Ridge Rd, Naugatuck Borough Of to Royal Crown Builders Inc, 2/14, \$20,000

39 Horton Hill Rd, Rua, Abel to Rangel, Alejandro and Rangel, Theresa, 2/14, \$130,000

137 N Hoadley St, Otoole, James to Otoole, James, 2/14, \$12,196

137 N Hoadley St, Otoole John Est and Otoole, James to Airala, Jose F, 2/14, \$250,000

614 N Church St, Nichols, Marilyn F to Vaght, Judith and Vaght, Howard T, 2/15, \$190,000

1081 New Haven Rd Lot 2J, Josephs, Wycliffe to Silva, Roger, 2/14, \$120,000

NEW CANAAN

21 Forest St Lot 3, Joyce, Timothy and Joyce, Margaret to SRBS S LLC, 2/3, \$3,425,000

44 Field Crest Rd, Mallozzi, Dana to Jenkins, Elizabeth and Bretschger Jr, Edward, 2/4, \$1,600,000

110 Millport Ave, Johnson, Valerie to Hanes, Sarah, 2/3, \$600,000

289 New Norwalk Rd Lot 4, Berardino, Allison to Ribhabkansal and Kushwaha, Neha, 2/4, \$803,600

290 Oenoke Ave, Sweitzer, Susan to Ocon-nor, Christopher and Oconnor, Mary, 2/2, \$1,350,000

301 Rosebrook Rd, Wilson, Christopher and Wilson, Frances to Blanc, David and Blanc, Mary, 2/2, \$3,900,000

639 Smith Ridge Rd, Sunshine Smith Ridge to Evangelista, Shannon and Evangelista, Eric, 2/2, \$1,825,000

NEW FAIRFIELD

4 Ridge Rd, Randlett, Karyn to Tibbals, Jonathan and Tibbals, Mary, 2/15, \$360,000

NEW HAVEN

23 Compton St Lot 8, Tian, Hongping to Li, Lu, 2/18, \$248,000

81 Houston St, 81 Houston Street Assoc to Bentzy 7 DE LLC, 2/17, \$560,000

95 Lenox St Lot I, Dehaney, Glenroy M to Quintero, Marilyns V, 2/16, \$30,000

112 Poplar St, Ep Home Buyers LLC to 112 Poplar St LLC, 2/15, \$262,500

112 Poplar St, Willoughby, Zephaniah to Ep Home Buyers LLC, 2/15, \$222,500

115 Goodyear St, Miller, James to Scott, Annastassia, 2/15, \$180,000

168 Grafton St, Amato, Sara to 168 Graf-ton LLC, 2/17, \$260,000

179 Chatham St, Tomasich Anteo George Est and Umile, Louis T to ABCD Invest-

ments DE LLC, 2/14, \$185,000

264 Clinton Ave, Moore, Doris to Climax New Haven LLC, 2/15, \$330,000

266 College St, Ravada Enterprises LLC to Fork 266 College LLC, 2/15, \$1,700,000

328 Lighthouse Rd, Nowaczyk, Ronald H and Lavan, Maureen to Chamberlin Jr, Richard A, 2/14, \$420,000

358 Orchard St, HSBC Bank USA NA to Hardy Homes Ct LLC, 2/16, \$431,550

381 Smith Ave, Capece, John J and Guastello, Sarah A to Gomez-Gonzalez, Wuilmar J and Laparra-Gonzale, Mireidy S, 2/16, \$233,000

437 Orchard St, G Lap LLC to Ren, Zhao, 2/15, \$220,000

669 Dixwell Ave, Hammie, Walter F and Hammie, Catherine to Bendki, Abdessa-mad, 2/14, \$215,000

NEW LONDON

34 Glenwood Ave, Gallagher, Dennis P and Gallagher, Loretta A to Morris, Katharine E, 2/14, \$765,000

NEW MILFORD

1 Buczek Ln, 47 Poplar Owner LLC to 47 Poplar Owners LLC, 2/15, \$785,000

6 Grett Ln, Grasso, Anthony P and Grasso, Nancy M to Garcia, Ruben and Garcia, Mercedes, 2/17, \$400,000

10 Granite Rd, Gills, Kenneth W to Hart, Kevin and Hart, Candice, 2/18, \$620,000

17 Fordyce Ct Lot 11, Stueck, Matthew to Balzi, John, 2/15, \$115,000

22 Cambridge Cir, Lamore 3rd, Merton and Larmore, Dawn H to Gritman, Natalia and Dasilva, Joao G, 2/14, \$499,900

30 Merwin Brook Rd, Musso Properties LLC to Sukasame, Kvanrajit and Richard, Michael, 2/16, \$495,000

35 Old Mill Rd, Farrell, Elizabeth to Spycher, Barbara and Marcus, Jeffrey, 2/15, \$565,000

40 Valley View Ln, Laughlin, Timothy P and Laughlin, Dawn M to Lindsey, Maria T, 2/14, \$325,000

45 Fort Hill Rd, Overlook At Fort Hill LLC to Longview Village LLC, 2/16, \$9,400,000

112 Carmen Hill Rd, Macrae, Jeanne M and SC Park Lane 2 LLC to SC Park Lane 2 LLC, 2/18, \$170,000

410 Kent Rd, Susan Ralph T and Ralph, Susan to Fishman, Amanda and Hoffstaet-ter, Frederick, 2/18, \$106,667

410 Kent Rd, Ralph, Susan and Thomas, Renee L to Fishman, Amanda and Hoffstaet-ter, Frederick, 2/18, \$213,333

NEWTOWN

Abbotts Hill Rd, Brede, Jeffrey F and Brede, Brenda J to Dobson, Ronald S and Burns-Dobson, Diane, 2/16, \$170,000

3 Winter Ridge Rd, National Res Nominee Svcs to Carbonella 4th, Anthony M and Carbonella, Anthony M, 2/11, \$770,000

3 Winter Ridge Rd, Eugene-Vaughan Jr, W J and Vaughan, Sarah G to National Res Nominee Svcs, 2/11, \$770,000

4 Southbrook Ln, Beneath The Vine&Fig Tr to Res&Com Bldrs LLC, 2/17, \$124,200

5 Westwood Ter, Atkinson, Edward G and Atkinson, Marilyn A to Rinas, Shelly and Rinas, Nathan, 2/17, \$555,000

7 Melody Ln, Plante, Justin and Plante, Alison to GRC Construction LLC, 2/10, \$107,500

14 Carol Ann Dr, USA HUD to Neto, Olter T, 2/17, \$326,250

15 Saw Mill Ridge Rd, Rinas, Shelly E and Rinas, Nathan A to Iacobellis, Vito F and Iacobellis, Lindsay, 2/17, \$575,000

18 Settlers Ln, Pickering, Linda L to Munger, Dexter, 2/15, \$449,000

20 Juniper Rd, Reverse Mtg Solutions Inc to Buy Or Sell Realty LLC, 2/14, \$300,000

40 Mount Pleasant Rd, Chimeh, Helen to 300 Wood Avenue LLC, 2/14, \$150,000

50 Flat Swamp Rd, Walk Invest LLC to Gessow, Harrison and Gessow, Stephanie, 2/17, \$429,000

154 Head Of Meadow Rd, Marr, Veronica to Snyder, Matthew and Davis, Olivia,

2/15, \$485,000

NORFOLK

69 Maple Ave, Litchfield Hills Hospital to 3 Stewards RE LLC, 2/16, \$1,100,000

NORTH BRANFORD

74 Ledgewood Dr, Grasso, Anthony G and Grasso, Catherine V to Ippolito, Bethany and Ippolito, Alphonse J, 2/10, \$351,900

309 Forest Rd, Reynolds, Catherine A and Nizen, Kathleen A to DeFrancesco J&Son Inc, 2/10, \$249,900

NORTH CANAAN

Old Turnpike Rd, North Canaan Town Of to Gandolfo, Robert A and Gandolfo, Melissa A, 2/17, \$126,000

NORTH HAVEN

2 Sundown Pl, Black Rock Homes LLC to Maulis, Matthew F and Chinn, Melessa E, 2/14, \$702,800

6 Weaver Cir, Mastri, Christine and Mastroiano, John P to Singh, Karamjot and Singh, Neha, 2/14, \$465,000

9 Benedict Dr, Iannotti, Mark to Stopa, Krzysztof J, 2/15, \$380,000

21 Revere Rd, Altieri, Deborah A to Pecirep, Predrag and Pecirep, Anita L, 2/14, \$470,000

25 Van Rose Dr, Midzenski, Martin to Midzenski, Mendy, 2/15, \$50,000

25 Van Rose Dr, Midzenski, Malinda to Midzenski, Mendy, 2/15, \$66,000

100 Patten Rd, Diana, Debra N to Austin, Camille and Thompson, Osbourne, 2/14, \$520,000

133 Mulholland Way Lot 133, Ral North Haven LLC to Bhattacharya, Bishwajit and Mukherjee, Debasree, 2/16, \$399,900

171 McDermott Rd, A&V Realty LLC to Cassisi Group LLC, 2/14, \$875,000

1810 Ridge Rd, Schwanda, Charles and Schwanda, Ashley to Brown, Ronald S, 2/14, \$354,444

NORTH STONINGTON

8 Hickory Ln, Provatas, Niki A to Omeara, Lisa, 2/18, \$37,500

604 Pendleton Hill Rd, Dominey, Simon A to Medeiros, Stephen L and Boor, Jonathan J, 2/16, \$360,000

NORWALK

Wilson Ave, Soske, Trina L to Noonan, Garrett and Rather, Molly, 2/15, \$1,600,000

1 Horizon Dr Lot 6, Danch, Ivan I and Danch, Liliia to Scalzo, Chelsea, 2/16, \$340,000

3 Spring Hill Ave, Afentoulides, Nikolas and Afentoulides, Eleftherios to Das, Tapan, 2/16, \$550,000

4 Buttonball Trl, Mattson, Scott R and Surena-Mattson, Dana M to Grimes, Ster-ling, 2/14, \$395,000

5 Yost St, Drosos, Kimberly to Torres, Humberto D, 2/15, \$510,000

7 Holiday Dr, Kozar, John J to Tavela, Rich-ard and Tavela, Kathleen, 2/17, \$375,000

8 Heathcote Rd, Booth, David M to Mancini, Erica and Caldara, Christopher, 2/16, \$525,000

8 Rolling Ln, Alfisi, Joseph J and Alfisi, Jennifer R to Papa, Leonardo F, 2/16, \$590,000

11 Margaret St, Deal House Cap Fund 1 LLC to Direnno, Stephen M and Lopriore, Jessica, 2/16, \$466,000

12 Prospect Ave, Hussey, Julia to Elezaj, Julie, 2/14, \$490,000

17 Possum Ln, Morland, Hayley to Shay, Luc, 2/16, \$390,000

29 Mohawk Dr, Vuono, John to Gyles, Sandra, 2/15, \$658,540

31 Pettom Rd, Campanella Angelo Jr Est and Campanella, Lisa M to Bridges, Susan L, 2/17, \$500,000

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Elizabeth Sabo
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Vernon



REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Lettieri, Sonia to Quispe-Martinez, Pompeyo I and Quispe, Angela V, 2/16, \$498,000
42 Lincoln Ave, Prophet, Seymore to Masood, Imran, 2/14, \$349,000
52 Wilton Ave, 52 Wilton Avenue LLC and Iacono, Ludovico to Ruano, Manuel A, 2/17, \$660,000
77 Valley View Rd, Pair, Ronald E and Pair, Bertha M to Huerta, Luis F and Huerta, Fabiola, 2/18, \$400,000
85 Stuart Ave, Macha RE CT LLC to Home Made Easy LLC, 2/18, \$315,000
123 Old Belden Hill Rd Lot 31, Hein, Adelina to Dimatteo, Sheena and Prevencio, Philip A, 2/17, \$412,500
131 Washington St Lot 204, Geraldine Marcenyac RET and Marcenyac, Geraldine to Montero, Eduardo, 2/16, \$230,000
136 East Ave Lot 4C, Leary Elizabeth C Est and Weintraub, Sara C to Fass, Sarah M and Van-Aken, Rachel, 2/18, \$462,000

NORWICH

2 Mediterranean Ln, US Bank NA Tr to Geraldine, Guibert, 2/18, \$84,900
3 Glenwood Ave, USA VA to Kwok, Yuk C, 2/14, \$120,000
9 Fountain St, Deal House Cap Fund I LLC to Fontes, Maria R and Depina, Catarina R, 2/16, \$225,000
9 Homewood Pl, Xie, Miao N to Chancy, Jean J, 2/17, \$235,000
17 Page St, Grills Mary Est and Abram, Jean to Lucas Park LLC, 2/14, \$119,000
19 Saint Regis Ave, Brown, Justin and Brown, Nicholas to Dunnum, Garrett D, 2/16, \$220,000
21 Russell Rd, Builders Club LLC to Maillet, Andrea and Henry, Robert, 2/15, \$232,000
21 Tanglewood Dr, Rasool, Altaf and Rasool, Shahnaz to Abdullah, Muhammad M and Azhar, Muhammad U, 2/16, \$290,000
25 Sunnyside East Rd Lot 25, Sec Rentals LLC to Laine, Jean P, 2/15, \$140,000
26 Beechwood Blvd, Diacetis, Tracy J to Diacetis, Zachary B, 2/15, \$262,000
40 Surrey Ln, Ni, Ren to Harrison, Dion, 2/17, \$235,000
49-51 Otis St, Rahman, Shahriar to 49 Otis Street LLC, 2/15, \$250,000
65 Allyn Ave, Leitkowsky, Mark A and Leitkowsky, Barbara J to Montero, Joarklys and Montero, Joamilton A, 2/18, \$285,000
67 Lambert Dr, Trzesniewski F J Est and Lewis, Lorraine F to Zajac, Diana, 2/11, \$183,000
79 Division St, Cote, Suzanne J to Perez, Joel and Perez, Reyibel, 2/17, \$175,000
104 Norwich Ave, 104 Norwich Ave Ct LLC to Morello Properties LLC, 2/15, \$80,000
146 Main St, Trebiung Properties LLC to Main 138 LLC, 2/14, \$156,000
180 Baltic Rd, Bergman, Ingrid and Limmen, Ge to Mueggenberg, Aaron L, 2/17, \$305,000
233 Vergason Ave, Chenette, Dusty to Dube, Marissa A, 2/14, \$229,700
306 Salem Tpke Lot 22, Muench, Joseph D to Day, Gordon R, 2/16, \$186,000
415 Harland Rd, Speck Alice M Est and Miner, Cheree A to Pennenga, Christopher J, 2/16, \$155,000

OLD SAYBROOK

74 Ayers Point Rd, Lee, Harold T and Lee, Stephanie S to Sharenow, Robert and Creem, Stacey, 2/14, \$1,435,000

ORANGE

60 Grannis Rd, Balaji, Uma to Chen, Daniel L and Chapur, Juliana M, 2/17, \$430,000
221 Wilson Rd, Sedgwick Ann Est and Aubuchon, Lindsey S to Exclusive Home Buyers, 2/15, \$225,000
260 Argyle Rd, Luth, Adam C and Luth, Kendra L to Horwitz, Scott B and Hock, Bianca V, 2/16, \$700,000
333 Narrow Ln, Funk, Mary and Funk, H Roger to Zhou, Junkai and Wang, Junglan, 2/14, \$400,000

PLAINFIELD

7-9 Cottage St, Bryant, Anna E to Brackett, Robert, 2/17, \$130,000
17 Robin Rd, Lefevre, Ronald G and Lefevre, Sandra L to Folan, Michael, 2/16, \$300,000
40 Tarbox Rd, Deutsche Bank Natl T Co to Sangasy, Khouanxiwa and Sangasy, Oth, 2/15, \$75,000

PLAINMOUTH

50 Fall Mountain Lake Rd, Derose, Michael to Mckenna, Kevin and Freeman, Haley, 2/17, \$50,000
98 Fall Mountain Lake Rd, Brown Investments LLC to Bebusi-Green, Joann, 2/16, \$228,000
254 Bemis St, Champagne, Charles E and Maroun, Marialise to TC Homes LLC, 2/14, \$160,000
272 Bemis St, TC Homes LLC to Lussier, Barry and Lussier, Deborah, 2/14, \$330,000

PORTLAND
50 Copper Beech Ln Lot 50, Simkins, Phyllis A to McWilliams, Charles and West, Patricia, 2/15, \$245,000
52 Pepperidge Rd, Organeik, Joseph A and Organeik, Eve K to Luna Jr, Jose A, 2/14, \$265,000
264 Main St, Mcgarahan, Christopher to 264 Main LLC, 2/14, \$500,000
441 Main St, Denovellis, Alterino A to Gioella, Lindsey A and Sylvia, Matthew A, 2/17, \$281,500

PRESTON

59 Bunny Rd, Pianka, Max F to Healy, Christopher J and Suits, Julia W, 2/17, \$565,000

PUTNAM

6 Prospect St, CT Preserv T and Ohayer, Betsy to Labossiere, David, 2/15, \$33,000
100 Rhode Island Line Rd, Benoit, Barbara A to Romano, Ryan and Romano, Nikki M, 2/15, \$200,000
112 Thompson Ave, Deojay, Gabrielle J and Citizens Bank NA to GC Holdings LLC, 2/14, \$85,277
213 Providence St, Triangulate LLC to Hammerhead Capital Inc, 2/16, \$470,000
225 Kennedy Dr, Putnam Town Of to Baystate Inv Fund LLC, 2/16, \$450,000

REDDING

153 Redding Rd, Northrop, Jessica C and Aiken, Michael to Pennacchio, Suzanne and Danilak, Marianne, 2/15, \$825,000
209 Umpawaug Rd, Friedland, Lawrence N and Friedland, Alice L to Lindau, Daniel A and Lindau, Jane B, 2/15, \$2,120,000

RIDGEFIELD
2 Rita Rd, Carrasco, Victoria D and Carrasco, Eric L to Alstott, Russ S, 2/18, \$600,000
4 Black Pine Rdg, Ashlar Historic Res LLC to Joannou, Alexandra and Ritornato, Joseph, 2/17, \$1,310,000
4 Kivi Cor Lot 4, Tirado, Alexys and Lindelof, Christopher to Flores, Giuliana T, 2/15, \$245,000
12 Clearview Dr, Buckenheimer, David W to Schwartz, Barry, 2/14, \$645,000
29 Woodland Way, Capalbio, Jaime to Gironda, Samuel and Medici, Kimberly, 2/17, \$337,000

37 Bailey Ave, Paschalidis, Maria and Paschalidis, Efrosene to Mavridis, Kostas and Mavridis, Martha, 2/17, \$255,000
39 Woodchuck Ln, Murphy, Joseph E and Murphy, Christine C to Licata, Christopher S and Licata, Erin N, 2/16, \$642,000
54 Branchville Rd, Knoche, Charles A to Ashlar Historic-Res LLC, 2/14, \$665,000
164 Bob Hill Rd, Ershov, Alexey and Ershova, Elena to Greenberg, Arthur and Mangan, Colleen, 2/16, \$720,000

ROCKY HILL

40 Elm Ridge Rd, Torello Children T and Torello, Jeffrey L to Rossignol, Richard J and Rossignol, Karen L, 2/16, \$335,000
161 Candlelite Dr, Jambotkar, Omkar S and Jambotkar, Shantal O to Gove, David S, 2/14, \$350,000
2623 Main St, Hall, Andrew W to Korkutovic, Nihad and Korkutovic, Alma, 2/18, \$275,000

SALEM

236 Music Vale Rd, Chappell Jr, Arnold M and Chappell, Debra A to Chappell 3rd, Arnold M, 2/15, \$200,000
496 New London Rd, Thibault, Anzelma to American Property Group, 2/14, \$230,000

SALISBURY

3 Upland Meadow Rd, Jimenez, Jessica M to Measelle, Lara and Ivins, Robert, 2/18, \$1,050,000
87 Canaan Rd Lot 1F, Waltman, Michael and Mckenzie, Michelle to Oliver, Peter K and Oliver, Sandra G, 2/16, \$455,000
140 Taconic Rd, Helen I Kimmel T and Kaufman, Andrew H to Stevenson, Jon C and Stevenson, Savannah L, 2/17, \$439,000

SEYMOUR

17 Osprey Dr, Pelaccia, Franco J and Pelaccia, Rebecca to Dorazio, Michael J and Dunklin, Jennifer N, 2/14, \$579,000
46 Briarwood Dr, Dempsey, James to Cordero, Juan and Cordero, Damariz A, 2/14, \$406,000

SHARON

344 Calkinstown Rd, Keim, Mark L and Keim, Susan H to Sevani, Rahul and Chopra, Megha, 2/18, \$2,000,000
348 Calkinstown Rd, Keim, Mark L and Keim, Susan H to Sevani, Rahul and Chopra, Megha, 2/18, \$2,000,000

SHELTON

23 Colony St, Dinkcioglu, Hamparsum to Adan, Suzanne and Adan, Christopher, 2/14, \$315,000
30 Lazy Brook Rd, Yuan, Youzhong and Cao, Shaonan to Younho-Choi, Richard and Bing-Wang, Kelly, 2/16, \$850,000
31 Daybreak Ln, Patterson, Joan M to Washenko, Paul J and Washenko, Sharron T, 2/14, \$500,000
52 Mustang Rd, Schimpf, William P and Schimpf, Clare C to Disibio, Ryan K and Disibio, Jamie L, 2/14, \$540,000
62 Far Horizons Dr, Osso, Robert and Osso, Jamie to Rose, Michelle, 2/16, \$420,000
74 North St, Radzwillas Jr, Peter C and Radzwillas, Jill H to Gonzalez, Hector A and Gonzalez, Angie R, 2/14, \$665,000
168 Beardsley Rd, Accavallo, John to Carey, Christine, 2/14, \$175,000

SHERMAN

8 Hemlock Point Rd, Harold N Bemis T and Bemis, Harold N to Miller, Jonathan and Tanners, Timma, 2/17, \$1,150,000
43 Route 37 S, Downey, David M and Downey, Rebecca to Hobbs, Rebecca E, 2/16, \$1,222,500

SIMSBURY

10 Bantry Rd Lot 10, Shea, Fay M to Vizvary, James and Vizvary, Sharon, 2/17, \$312,000
15 Surry Cir, Boulet, Brian D to Harper, Alyssa and Harper, Jeffrey, 2/14, \$530,000
30 Brettonwood Dr Lot 30, Psarakis, Emanuel N to Farrell, Joanne, 2/14, \$405,000
62 Fernwood Dr, Lavnikovich N J Est and Cotton, Irene T to Debkowski, Mateusz and Kubicka, Magdalena, 2/17, \$230,000
102 Old Canal Way Lot 102, Panov, Vitali to Colangelo, John and Colangelo, Jennifer, 2/17, \$415,000
126 Hopmeadow St Lot 98, Eastman, Susan to Laroia, Nitin and Nitin, Aditi, 2/16, \$240,000

SOMERS

22 Heritage Dr, Dellapredmore, Maggi to Demars, Lexli N and Demars, Jonathan J, 2/14, \$492,500
80 Scully Rd, Estrada, Blaze to Giza, Christopher, 2/14, \$15,000
97 Field Rd, Oconnor, Theresa P and Percoski, Richard P to Loveland, Jennifer, 2/14, \$117,000

SOUTHBURY

1 Pomperaug Office Park Lot 201, Fischbein, Charles and Berg, Jeffrey to Bwre LLC, 2/16, \$45,000
17 Bristol Town Rd, Robinson, Peter W and Robinson, Elizabeth L to Kernis, Aaron J, 2/17, \$425,000
169 Heritage Vlg Lot B, Setaro Peter F Est and Setaro, James P to Piacenza, Leonard and Piacenza, Sandra, 2/18, \$155,000
441 Heritage Vlg Lot D, Abraham Feldbin T and Feldbin, Abraham to Simon, Ronald, 2/14, \$175,000
481 Chestnut Tree Hill Rd, Acunto, Raymond M and Nittardi, Massimo to Kurjika, Matthew J and Kaiser, Leah E, 2/17, \$485,000
913 Heritage Vlg Lot B, Linden, Denise M to R&Penny Novello T and Novello, Robert S, 2/14, \$345,000

SOUTHINGTON

276 Mount Vernon Rd, Yother John Sr Est and Yother, Lawrence to Yother John Sr Est and Ciani, Jeffrey, 2/2, \$245,000

SPRAGUE

189 High St, Bibeault High Street LLC to Campbell, Kyle, 2/10, \$135,000

STAFFORD

10 Clark Rd, Nicolosi, Diane and Nicolosi, William to Goodeyear-Blantyre, Heather and Bryant, William E, 2/8, \$400,000
25 Prospect St, Foam Pyramid Prop LLC to Flagg, Benjamin, 2/8, \$217,500

STAMFORD

1 Strawberry Hill Ct Lot 5C, Delterzo, Margaret M to Lombardi, Christina, 2/15, \$355,000
17 Branch Ln, Foreman 3rd, John F and Foreman, Eileen C to Altoser, Claudio and Torres, Silvia, 2/14, \$605,000
24 Sheridan St, Bailey Gloria E Est and Barrett, Sandra to Braithwaite-Jordine, D, 2/18, \$540,000
25 Main St, Cheung, Yuen C to Woodmain LLC, 2/15, \$1,250,000
27 Northill St Lot 3A, Francis, David R to Toirov, Farrukh, 2/14, \$142,000
32 Hobbie St Lot B, Smith, Chad M and Smith, Joanne C to Tamouridis, Stylianos and Valenzuela, Dilania D, 2/16, \$660,000
33 Willowbrook Pl, Karpen, Scott W and Karpen, Adrienne L to Perry, Dennis W and Perry, Martha G, 2/15, \$678,000
38 Adams Ave Lot 2, Hill, Angela M to Kele-

men, Attila, 2/14, \$318,000
45 Leeds St, Camacho, Alberto and Decama-cho, Elvia to Sullivan, Thomas J and Garza, Daniela A, 2/15, \$325,000
50 Glenbrook Rd Lot 11B, Greeney Dorothea M Est and Campbell, Diane M to Lotstein, Jessica L, 2/16, \$359,000
50 Sunnyside Ave, Sunnyside Rlty Assoc LLC to 50 Sunnyside LLC, 2/18, \$1,200,000
62 Lockwood Ave, F&S Stamford LLC to Sosnow, Peter and Sosnow, Elizabeth, 2/15, \$775,000
77 Glenbrook Rd Lot 208, Yamada, Yutaka to Birch, Shani V, 2/15, \$173,000
81 W Forest Lawn Ave, US Bank NA Tr to Pulido, J J, 2/15, \$357,000
82 Erskine Rd, Shamsi, Joshua and Strassheim, Angela to McCarthy, Daniel and McCarthy, Tambr, 2/14, \$1,799,000
87 Hunting Ridge Rd, Allen, Matthew and Allen, Mollie to Weinstein, Justin and Lafor-gia, Kristine, 2/16, \$1,021,000
91 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 125, Damodaran, Raghavan and Parthasarathy, Sweta to Lancot, Joseph, 2/15, \$169,000
108 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 3, Stein, Silvia G and Stein Jr, Robert M to Vitti Sr, Michael S and Cognetta-Vitti, Lynn, 2/18, \$150,000
109 Gaymoor Dr, Pavlakos, Nick D and Goliias-Pavlakos, Mary J to Cholakian, Garo K, 2/18, \$820,000
141 Downs Ave, Hoiles, Pamela J to Lavy, Gad and Lavy, Samantha, 2/18, \$3,230,000
214 Slice Dr, Bauer, Elizabeth B to Martins, George F and Martins, Marissa D, 2/18, \$496,540
250 Cascade Rd, Marquez-Austin, Lily M to Leon-Paula, Darwin E, 2/15, \$730,000
250 High Ridge Rd, Lotstein, Eric to Kapchan, Zachary M and Weinstein, Kayla R, 2/16, \$640,000
263 Thornridge Dr, Colandro Frank J Est and Colandro, Anthony to Du, Tony T and Hoang, Christina, 2/15, \$1,035,000
300 Broad St Lot 208, Garcia-Berg, Leonardo and Calomarde, Veronica to Demirel, Mert and Demirel, Sibel, 2/18, \$220,000
528 Den Rd, Fraser-Betts, Mark and Kilkenny, Tara to Hey, Henry and Hey, Tamara, 2/16, \$699,000
580 Fairfield Ave Lot 4, Slobodanyanyuk, Valeriy and Melkumyants, Gylunara to Mahadeokar, Manish S and Naik, Kalyani, 2/16, \$640,000
790 Newfield Ave, Lionetti, Michael and Lionetti, Grace to Orsola, Silvana, 2/18, \$500,000
1287 Stillwater Rd, Robotti, Peter J and Robotti, Donna M to Galvan-Arone, Nestor J and Chuquillanqui-Delacruz, F, 2/14, \$610,000
1546 Riverbank Rd, Auth Funding LLC to Desai, Shilpa R, 2/15, \$300,000

STONINGTON

5 W Broad St Lot 1, Cogshall Group LLC to Nail Or Nothing LLC, 2/15, \$125,000
8 Hickory Ldg, Provatas Anastas Est and Provatas, Constantina to Omeara, Lisa, 2/18, \$37,500
8 Hickory Ldg, Provatas, Niki A to Omeara, Lisa, 2/18, \$37,500
71 Country Ln, Paretta, Frederick P and Paretta, Beth A to Walsh, James and Brodie, Marissa L, 2/17, \$420,000
185 Liberty St, Shalloo, Richard J and Shalloo, Sharon E to Discuillo, Joan, 2/15, \$245,000

STRATFORD

Circle Dr, Bickley, Edward D and Bickley, Deborah A to Huang, Donghai, 2/15, \$10,000
Oronoque Village Condo Lot 3, Jarusinsky, James and Jarusinsky, Maria to Marilyn F Miserendino T and Miserendino, Marilyn F, 2/14, \$450,000
Streckfus Rd, Laucella, Doreen S to Fairfield Stamford Dev, 2/18, \$200,000
N/A, Megenis T and Megenis, David J to Blasius Jr, Frederick W, 2/16, \$950,000
10 Judith Ter, Ordner 3rd, William M to Cruz, Dagoberto T, 2/18, \$450,000
22 Happy Hollow Cir Lot C, Fernous, Guy E to Gilliam, Denise, 2/15, \$250,000
30 Clinton Ave, Minasian Robert L Est and Minasian Jr, Robert L to Fernandes, Cynthia, 2/14, \$250,200
36 Vought Pl, Learned, Marlene and Vonick, Bernice to Delzell, Mary E, 2/18, \$46,000
50 Sanford Pl, Camara, Joseph J to Savioie, Michelle and Savioie, Daniel, 2/14, \$147,500
55 Pinehurst Rd, Philibert, Charlise and Philibert, Hedy to Sanchez, Blanca S, 2/14, \$462,500
60 Corinthian Ave, Jerome, Nadine to Smith, Abdul R and Reid, Sherice M, 2/14, \$321,000
74 Fenelon Pl Lot 2, Bluzo, Vivdo and Bludevich, Zafir to Ortiz, Diana A, 2/14, \$360,000
74 River Bend Rd Lot B, Barone, Salvatore to Estavien, Tanya, 2/17, \$290,000
91 Hollister St, US Bank NA Tr to Julian, Michael, 2/18, \$192,000
94 Norman Cir, Matera Jr, James E and Matera, Mary M to Holguin, Sulvy R and Rocharburn, Jharif, 2/16, \$383,000
125 Mcleod Pl, Pettilo, O Michael to Riley, Keith and Riley, Kathleen, 2/16, \$400,000
170 Mill Pond Rd, Horwitz, Scott to Martin, Orville and Martin, Ysa, 2/17, \$442,000
180 Ryan Ave, Maximin, Vera H to Rolle, Jannet J, 2/18, \$255,000
216 Dahl Ave, Miakotskiana, Volha and Miakot-sin, Kiryl to Osei, Dominic and Osei, Lesley, 2/16, \$400,000
232 Roger Dr, Santarsiero, Michael and Hudson, Jennifer to Vaneikins, Carlos M and Montas, Dauris N, 2/15, \$397,500
232 Roger Dr, Santarsiero, Michael and Hudson, Jennifer to Santarsiero, Michael and Hudson, Jennifer, 2/15, \$179,200
235 Dover St, Gallon, Theodore and Gallon, Deborah to Miller, Gregory, 2/18, \$330,000
249 Circle Dr, Bickley, Edward D and Bickley, Deborah A to Huang, Donghai and Chen, Wenya, 2/15, \$350,000
310 Carol Rd, Santos Group LLC to Lerchen 3rd, William G, 2/18, \$362,000
330 Carol Rd, Noman, Alishan to Dancho, Jennifer A, 2/17, \$290,000
732 North Trl Lot 732, Graillich, Joanne R to Shapiro, Karen S, 2/15, \$263,000
843 E Main St, Mac Developments LLC to Lawson, Antoinette, 2/14, \$445,000
1980 Stratford Ave, Forth, William and Forth, Johanne to Prescott LLC, 2/16, \$295,000
2863 Broadbridge Ave, Howard Schallbruch T and Laucella, Doreen to Fairfield Stamford Dev, 2/18, \$300,000

SUFFIELD

4 Strathmore Ln Lot 4, Martin P Chaplin T and Chaplin, Martin P to Adamczyk, Debra, 2/17, \$245,000
168 Dusky Ln, Ruiz, Lidia C to Sharma, Gayatri, 2/14, \$227,000
244 Lakeview Dr, Oleary, John to Mineo, Anna T, 2/18, \$220,000
917 East St N, Mondor, Keith E and Mondor, Suzanne J to Lavelli, Daniel A, 2/14, \$270,000

THOMPSON

10 Marcy Ln, Bickley, Walter B and Quicken Loans to Connors, Kevin C, 2/17, \$107,234
158 Old Turnpike Rd, Oiver, Andrew J and Oliver, Donna M to Jarmolowicz, Philip and Jarmolowicz, Tifanie, 2/14, \$285,000

TOLLAND

3 Columbine Rd, Perras, John P to Perras, Wayne, 2/8, \$400,000
12 Woodside Dr, Tomlen LLC to Manandhar, Jesub R, 2/8, \$372,000
25 Bakos Rd, Atkins, William to Janiak, Anton R and Janiak, Cynthia D, 2/14, \$315,000
52 Kozley Rd, Correnti, Michael M to Zhang, Jiawei, 2/9, \$480,000
120 Browns Bridge Rd, Digennaro, Gennaro to Anderson, Richard R and Anderson, Tina M, 2/10, \$310,000
272 Hartford Tpke Lot 272, Melendy, Earl D to Dunleavy, Sean, 2/15, \$160,000

TORRINGTON

70 Beechwood Ave, Carapezza, Anthony to Nugra-Loja, Angel P and Nugra, Luisa E, 2/17, \$215,000
93 E Elm St, Christiano, John A to Perch Rock Management LLC, 2/14, \$120,000
136 N Elm St, Tran Tina Thi Est and Hua, Ut V to Kraja, Mirsad and Krasniqi, Adnan, 2/14, \$195,000
199 W Pearl Rd, Rhoades, Charles T to Free-dom Home Properties, 2/14, \$505,000
229 Newfield Rd, Battelstein, Adam M to Soucy, Barrie M and Soucy, Stacey A, 2/14, \$184,900
404 Essex Ct Lot 404, Bragg, Judith I to Kusterer, Shellee, 2/14, \$144,900
433 Trailsend Dr Lot 433, Shaikh, Maksud A and Shaikh, Saeeda M to Fernandez, Yvette and Clements, John, 2/14, \$110,000
505 Harwinton Ave Lot 32, Vincenzo, Diana C to Dellabianca, Rachel A, 2/15, \$120,000
750 Migeon Ave, S&G Investments LLC to Williams, Shereene, 2/16, \$217,000

WALLINGFORD

8 Hitching Post Dr, Giordano, John and Giordano, Raffaela to Robert, Brianna K and Kastukevich, Gregory R, 2/17, \$524,000
46 Brookvale Dr, Mastropetro, Valerie to Peregrin, Danielle M and Sinclair, Edwin, 2/14, \$236,000
45 Old Lane Rd, Delmolino, Dolores A to Dallas, William B, 2/17, \$350,000
48 Church St, Elite Realty Partners LLC to Rzegocki, Nathna D and Rzegocki, Erika A, 2/15, \$243,345
49 High St, Sette, James to Dzelili, Selami and Lestari, Shofiyah I, 2/14, \$300,000
54 Kondracki Ln, Mizenko, Scott and Novak, Michele to Bonny Eagle Const LLC, 2/14, \$155,000
75 S Whittlesey Ave, Cadett, Tammie and Lumbr, Clifton to Kelsey, Chandra, 2/14, \$252,900

WASHINGTON

River Rd, Washhomes LLC to 5 Roses Realty LLC, 2/15, \$475,000

WATERBURY

Baldwin St, Surajnoth, Robert and Suraj-noth, Ronald to Eugene, Daniel, 2/17, \$70,000
Highland Ave, Highland Investments LLC to Bascetta, Salvatore, 2/17, \$157,500
Oliver Ave, Andrews, Shakoyia to Marquez, Norma and Mejia, Juan C, 2/17, \$269,900
Oronoke Rgd, Dipietro Gerald Est and Maisano, Marisa to Zella, Alyssa P, 2/17, \$56,500
Oronoke Rgd, Dipietro Immaculate M Est and Maisano, Marisa to Zella, Alyssa P, 2/17, \$56,500
111 Tuder St, Lagrave, Richard to Perez, Golen Y and Perez, Codill, 2/18, \$208,000
16 Forestwood Dr, Klusko, Jolene E to Pitino, Katherine, 2/16, \$240,000
17 Roland St, Smith Ronald P Est and Smith, Daniel P to Powell, Rosemarie and Powell, Gerald E, 2/18, \$174,900
22 Park Rd, Tracey, Dalella to Saunders, Aja, 2/16, \$180,000
23 N Walnut St, BD Asset Co 2 LLC to Early Start Mgmt LLC, 2/15, \$128,000
30 Sharon Rd Lot 5, Capa, Robert S to Mays, Charles E and Mays, Irma J, 2/18, \$50,000
34 Woodlawn Ter, Doctor Drywall LLC to Bruscarign, Walquirio, 2/15, \$31,000
36 Tedesco Dr, Khan, Mohamed to Alli, Bibi S and Alli, Shireena, 2/14, \$185,000
40 Geddes Ter, Mulla, Anandi and Dede, Medhi to Ledesma, Drandi, 2/18, \$285,000
50 Highland Ave, Ali, Jabir to Root, Jacque-line, 2/17, \$217,999
56 Hinsdale Ave, Emanuel, Scott I to F&Joyce Griffin T and Griffin, Frederick M, 2/14, \$170,500
64 Barbara St, Gregory, Adriane to Echevaria, Arellys I, 2/15, \$159,000
65 Hinsdale Ave, Lindley, Ana M to Orellana, Victor M, 2/16, \$191,000
73 Harker Ave, Gugliotti Jr, Louis and Gugliotti, Patricia A to Cotto, Isaais, 2/18, \$213,450
73 Melrose Ave, Cook Jr, William J and Cascade Funding Mtg T to Cascade Funding Mtg T HBA, 2/17, \$135,000
89 Idylwood Ave, Blasi, Mark R and Blasi, Christine C to Echevarria, Kleber M and Mendez, Zarita, 2/18, \$240,000
91 Hotchkiss St, Lageux, Sonia G to Jones, Judeen, 2/15, \$280,000
99 Lounsbury Ave, White Star Inv LLC to Betterhaven LLC, 2/15, \$205,000
101 Madeline Ave Lot 39, Santana, Carlos and Santana, Coralsy to KRL Realty LLC, 2/17, \$175,000
105 Industry Ln Lot 5, Schroeder, Lloyd P to Jousl Investments LLC, 2/14, \$103,090
108 Transit St, Rodriguez, Alex and Perez, Jessenia to Torres, Jonathan, 2/15, \$170,000
111 Townsend Ave, Marucci, Robert J and Marucci, Betty A to Rivera, Noemi, 2/17, \$285,000
116 Locust St, 116 Locust St LLC to We Create Homes LLC, 2/18, \$160,000
124 Sierra St, Parks, Peter R and Parks, Deborah to Torres, Luis G, 2/15, \$207,000
125 Kara Dr, Jones, Julia to Santana, Carlos and Santana, Coralsy, 2/17, \$300,000
146 Rumford St, Hernandez, Jose A and Melendy, Karen A to Betterhaven LLC, 2/15, \$106,500
200 Yale St Lot 25A, Bruneau Chrisma Est and Parker, Jared to Adams, Chris, 2/15, \$115,000
204 Chestnut Hill Ave, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Pina, Angela, 2/15, \$142,000
215 Bamford Ave, Rogers, Jamie L to Ayala, Jesus and Rodriguez, Lydializ R, 2/14, \$230,000
396 Lakeside Blvd W, Coelho, Patricia V to Casanova, Jessica A, 2/16, \$285,000
404 Atwood Ave, Premier Specialty Foods to Abney, Kenneth L and Perkins, Lueaetha, 2/15, \$210,000
412 Pearl Lake Rd, Caron Rita M Est and Krings, Anne to Lewis, Junior and Martinez, Emami, 2/15, \$250,000
486 N Walnut St, Emanuel, Scott J to 456 North Walnut St LLC, 2/14, \$120,000
672 Bucks Hill Rd, Lopes, Edson F and Batista, Priscilla D to Januario, Kristina and Januario, Mario, 2/18, \$235,000
975 Meriden Rd Lot 55, Lebel, Brad L to Lebel, Herman and Dambowsky, Tina, 2/14, \$64,000
1385 Highland Ave Lot 21A, Santos, Joaquim C to Rivera Jr, Charlie and Cruz, Aida L, 2/18, \$145,500

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6 Overlook Dr, Hancock, Keith A and Hancock, Stacey L to Trautman, Robert and Suberi, Arielle, 2/15, \$495,000
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18 Niantic River Rd, Sawa, Stanley W and Sawa, Janice C to Arcarese, Joseph and Arcarese, Paula, 2/17, \$455,000
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Next affordable city is already too expensive

By **Conor Dougherty**
The New York Times

SPOKANE, Wash. — Maybe it was the date night when he and his wife spent two hours driving 19 miles to dinner, or the home-less encampment down the street, or the fact that homes were so expensive that his children could never afford to live near him.

Whatever the reason, Steve MacDonald decided he was done with Los Angeles. He wanted a city that was smaller and cheaper, big enough that he could find a decent restaurant but not so much that its problems felt unsolvable and every little task like an odyssey. After the pandemic hit and he and his wife went through a grand reprioritizing, they centered on Spokane, Washington, where their son went to college.

Their new house is twice as big as their Los Angeles home, cost less than half as much and is a five-minute commute from City Hall, where MacDonald works as Spokane’s director of community and economic development.

He arrives each day to tackle a familiar conundrum: how to prevent Spokane from developing the same kinds of problems that people like him are moving there to escape.

MacDonald knows the pattern, and so does everyone else who has been following the U.S. housing market. The story plays out locally but is national in scope. It is the story of people leaving high-cost cities because they’ve been priced out or become fed up with how impossible the housing problem seems.

No matter how many times it happens, no next city, as of yet, seems better prepared than the last one was.

Just a few years ago, a Spokane household that made the median income could afford about two-thirds of the homes



Lindsey Simler grew up in Spokane, Wash., and wants to buy a home in the \$300,000 range. **RAJAH BOSE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

on the market, according to Zillow. Now home prices are up 60% over the past two years, pricing out broad swaths of the populace and fomenting an escalating housing crisis.

Growth is never perfect, and Spokane’s influx has been accompanied by a booming employment market that has increased wages, turned abandoned warehouses into offices and helped the city recover jobs lost during the pandemic. This is normally called progress. But for people who already lived in and around Spokane, the shift from living in a place that was broadly affordable to broadly not has come on with the suddenness of a car crash.

Even the mayor isn’t immune. In an interview, Nadine Woodward, a Republican who was elected in 2019, noted that her son and daughter-in-law were living with her and her husband while they figured out where they could afford to settle. They

came back to Spokane from Seattle, where they were long ago priced out.

“I never thought I’d see the day where my adult children couldn’t afford a home in Spokane,” Woodward said.

A between place

As in most of urban America, much of the growth in the Spokane area is on the fringes, where heavy equipment and the skeletal outlines of new subdivisions unfold in every direction and into Idaho. Building permits have surged, and the cadre of mostly local builders who had the market more or less to themselves now grumble that the rapid growth has attracted big national builders.

All of this happened fairly recently. In the years after the Great Recession, when homebuilders were in bankruptcy or hibernation, migration to the Spokane area plunged. That pattern shifted in 2014 when, as if a switch

had been flipped, waves of migrants started arriving as already high-cost cities like Seattle and San Francisco saw their housing markets go into a tech-fueled frenzy.

By the end of 2014, migration to the Spokane area had jumped to more than 2,000 net new residents, compared with a net loss the year before, according to Equifax and Moody’s Analytics. Annual growth has only continued, rising further with the pandemic to more than 4,500 net new residents.

Nurses and teachers

Five years ago, a little over half the homes in the Spokane area sold for less than \$200,000, and about 70% of its employed population could afford to buy a home, according to a recent report commissioned by the Spokane Association of Realtors. Now fewer than 5% of homes — a few dozen a month — sell for less than \$200,000, and less than 15% of the area’s employed population can

afford a home. A recent survey by Redfin, the real estate brokerage, showed that homebuyers moving to Spokane in 2021 had a budget 23% higher than what locals had.

Lindsey Simler, a 38-year-old nurse who grew up in Spokane, wants to buy a home in the \$300,000 range but keeps losing out because she doesn’t have enough cash to compete. Prices have shot up so fast that many homes are appraising for less than their sale price, forcing buyers to put up higher down payments to cover the difference.

A dozen failed offers later, Simler has decided to sit out the market for a while because the constant losing is so demoralizing.

“I’m not at the point where I want to give up on living in Spokane, because I have family here and it feels like home,” she said. “But travel nursing is going to be my next step if I haven’t been able to land a house.”

‘Positive activity’

From her seventh-floor office atop the art deco City Hall, Woodward, the mayor, looked out at the Spokane River, where in the warmer months a gondola glides past her window to the Riverfront Park built for the World’s Fair. During the recent interview Woodward pointed out the window at cranes and construction sites that she calls “positive activity.”

Spokane’s job market is among the strongest in the nation, and the virtuous economic cycle — of people coming for housing, causing businesses to come for people, causing more people to come for jobs — is in full swing.

And yet, as in Seattle and California before and increasingly across the nation, the scourge of rising prices, particularly for rent and housing, makes it feel less virtuous than advertised.

The recent Realtors report warned of “significant social implications” if the city doesn’t tackle housing. The issues included young families not being able to buy or taking on excessive debt, small businesses not being able to hire, and difficulty keeping young college graduates in town.

In the dominoes of the housing market, the disappointments of aspiring buyers like Simler get magnified as they move down to lower-income households. With homes so hard to buy, rents have shot up, and the vacancy rate for apartments is close to zero.

All of this has compounded at the lowest end of the market, where the nonprofit Volunteers of America’s Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho affiliate, which runs three shelters and maintains 240 apartments for people who were formerly homeless, said it will lose a quarter of its units in the next fiscal year as more of its funding goes to higher rents.

Black innovators reshaped gardening, farming

Achievements have landed in American history textbooks

By **Jessica Damiano**
Associated Press

The achievements of George Washington Carver, the 19th century scientist credited with hundreds of inventions, including 300 uses for peanuts, have landed him in American history textbooks.

But many other agricultural practices, innovations and foods that traveled with enslaved people from West Africa — or were developed by their descendants — remain unsung, despite having revolutionized the way we eat, farm and garden.

Among the medicinal and food staples introduced by the African diaspora were sorghum, millet, African rice, yams, black-eyed peas, watermelon, eggplant, okra, sesame and kola nut, whose extract was a main ingredient in the original Coca-Cola recipe.

After long days spent working on the plantation’s fields, many enslaved people grew their own gardens to supplement their meager rations.

“The plantation owners could then force them to show them how to grow those foods,” said Judith Carney, a professor of geography at UCLA and co-author of “In the Shadow of Slavery: Africa’s Botanical Legacy in the Atlantic World.”

“Those crops would then become commodities,” said Carney, who spent a decade tracing such food origins by reconciling oral history with written documents.

It’s no coincidence, then, that “many of the agricultural practices seen in Africa were also happening in the South,” said Michael W. Twitty, culinary historian.

Multicropping (growing different types of plants



George Washington Carver, front row, center, seated with other staff members on the steps of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama. **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS 1902**

in one plot), permaculture (emulating natural ecosystems) and planting on mounds (arguably the precursor of berms) can be traced to African agricultural practices, said Twitty, who partnered with Colonial Williamsburg last year to establish the Sankofa Heritage Garden, a living replica of the type of garden grown by enslaved people during that era.

History did not record many inventions of enslaved Africans, in no small part because slaveowners often claimed credit. Some, however, were recognized, as were the accomplishments of many who came after them.

Here are five early Black innovators whose contributions reshaped the agricultural landscape:

Henry Blair (1807-1860)

Only the second Black man to be awarded a U.S. patent, Blair designed a wheelbarrow-type corn planter to help farmers

sow seeds more effectively. Two years later, he received a second patent for a mechanical horse-drawn cotton planter, which increased yield and productivity.

Details about the Maryland farmer and inventor’s personal life, including whether he was born into slavery, are scarce.

George Washington Carver (circa 1864-1943)

Peanuts, believed to have originated in South America, were brought to Spain by European explorers before making their way to Africa. They then traveled back to the Western Hemisphere aboard slave ships in the 1700s. By the late 1800s, the legume had grown from a Southern regional crop to one with national appeal across the United States.

It was around that time that Carver, who was born into slavery in Missouri and freed as a child after the Civil War, earned a master’s degree from Iowa State

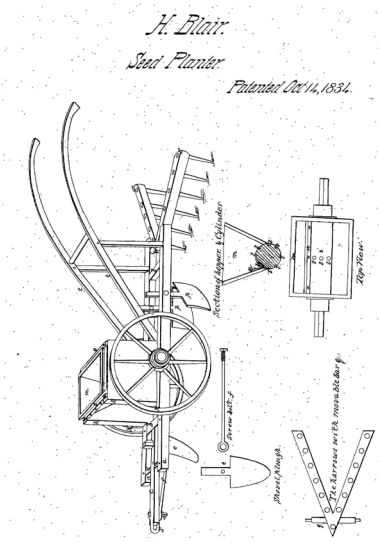
Agricultural College.

As head of the agriculture program at Alabama’s Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (today’s Tuskegee University), Carver gained fame for his peanut research and invented hundreds of peanut-based versions of products, including flour, coffee, Worcestershire sauce, beverages, hen food, soap, laxatives, shampoo, leather dye, paper, insecticide, linoleum and insulation.

He also devised alternative uses for other crops, and is credited with discovering the soil-rejuvenating benefits of compost and promoting crop rotation as a means of preventing the depletion of soil nutrients.

Frederick McKinley Jones (1893-1961)

With a background in electrical engineering, Jones is credited with many inventions — from a portable X-ray machine to a broadcast radio transmit-



The drawing of Henry Blair’s corn planter that accompanied his patent application in 1834. **U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE**

ter — but one in particular made a drastic impact on the modern American diet: mobile refrigeration technology.

Jones, who was born in Cincinnati and settled in Minnesota, developed a refrigeration system that was installed in trucks, train cars, airplanes and ships, enabling the safe transport of perishable foods around the world.

Booker T. Whatley (1915-2005)

An Alabama horticulturist and agriculture professor at Tuskegee University, Whatley introduced the concept of “clientele membership clubs” in the 1960s to help struggling Black farmers, who often were denied the loans and grants afforded to their white counterparts.

The farmers would sell pre-paid boxes of their crops at the beginning of the season to ensure a guaranteed income. In many instances, customers would harvest their shares themselves, which saved on labor costs.

Today’s Community Supported Agriculture and U-Pick farming enterprises grew directly from Whatley’s ideas, as did the farm-to-table and eat-local movements.

Whatley also pioneered sustainable agriculture

and regenerative farming practices to maximize biodiversity and keep soil healthy and productive.

His handbook “How to Make \$100,000 Farming 25 Acres” is still regarded as an important resource for small farmers.

Edmond Albius (1829-1880)

Although not American, Albius, who was enslaved as a youth and living on the French colony island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean, is responsible for the worldwide distribution of vanilla.

A man named Ferreol Bellier-Beaumont had come to own Edmond and taught him to care for his many plants. In the 1840s, 12-year-old Edmond examined Bellier-Beaumont’s vanilla vine flowers, and observed that their male and female reproductive organs were contained within a single flower, separated by a flap-like membrane. He moved the flap and, beneath it, spread the pollen from the stamen to the pistil. Before long, the plants were producing beans.

Word spread, and Reunion began cultivating vanilla and exporting it overseas. Albius’ pollination technique reshaped the vanilla industry and remains in use worldwide.

ASK THE BUILDER

Building stone wall and arch

By **Tim Carter**
Tribune Content Agency

My grandfather was a baker in Cincinnati in the very early 1900s. He and my grandmother owned and operated a neighborhood bakery in the Clifton Heights neighborhood, just 400 feet from where I was born.

When he retired, he decided to build an eight-unit apartment building just down the street from the bakery. He named it Valley View because it had a commanding view of the Mill Creek Valley. I never got to meet him, as he was sent to Heaven 15 years before I was born.

There are quite a few photos in the family albums of him standing next to limestone walls, arches and even a stone fountain he built with his own hands in the apartment building's gardens. How he managed to build such gorgeous structures is a bit of a mystery. Keep in mind there were no YouTube videos to watch, probably no great DIY books at the local library, or home improvement shows to watch on cable TV. Somehow, somewhere my grandfather gleaned the information to build stone walls and arches on his own. You can do it to with his inspiration and a little help from me.

Almost all stone is suitable as a building material for outdoor walls, arches and fountains. After all, the rock most likely has with-

stood thousands of years of exposure before it was quarried or hand-picked from a road cut or stream bed. My grandfather used pieces of fossiliferous limestone that is abundant in Cincinnati. Limestone is an excellent material to use. There are thousands of buildings all over the USA that use fine-grained limestone for their facades. It's extremely durable.

Whenever you build with stone outdoors, it's wise to install a sturdy foundation or footing. If you live where the soil freezes, be sure the bottom of this footing is below the local frost level. The footing helps spread the load of what you're building on the soil below. I prefer my footings to be poured concrete at least 8 inches thick with ¾-inch-diameter steel bars in it every 2 feet on center to ensure the footing doesn't fall apart or bend. The footing should be no less than 2 feet wider than the wall or arch structure you're going to build.

If you're building a retaining wall that's 4 feet high or shorter, you'll rarely get into trouble. The issue with retaining walls is the tipping force increases at a greater rate the higher the wall goes. Any wall over 6-feet tall should be designed by a structural engineer who has a deep history of producing plans for retaining walls.

Laying stone can be challenging, and I recommend that you build a small test structure first to get



This stone gateway is at a golf course in Cincinnati. My grandfather built decorative garden walls and arches like this. **TIM CARTER**

the hang of it. Be sure the stone is clean and dust-free so the Portland cement mortar will adhere well. Most stones you work with are slightly tougher to work with than brick. Brick has suction. That is, the brick absorbs the water in the mortar quite fast. This allows the mortar to get stiff within minutes of laying the brick.

This doesn't always happen with stone, so you often have to make the mortar mix a little drier. When my grandfather worked with limestone, his mortar mix almost certainly resembled mashed potatoes, not applesauce.

I recommend you use a strong mortar that's one part Portland cement, three

parts medium or coarse sand, and ½ part hydrated lime. The hydrated lime will make the mortar a little more sticky and will greatly enhance the strength of the mortar over time. All three ingredients are quite inexpensive.

If you have the time and want extra adhesion between the mortar mix and the stone, you can coat the top of each stone with cement paint just before applying the mortar mix. Most people won't have the patience to do this. Cement paint is just a mixture of Portland cement and clear water. You blend the two so it's the consistency of regular latex paint.

Stone arches are not that hard to build. The internet is littered with videos and

photographs of the kind of arch form you need to build using plywood or oriented strand board. The arch form needs to be as wide as the stones that are being used to create the arch.

The walls that the arch sits upon need to be substantial. You can get clues, guidance and inspiration once again from the plentiful photographs of arches on the internet. You need to realize that gravity is pulling on the arch and wanting to spread the vertical walls below it apart. Robust walls will resist Mother Nature's desire to bring the walls to the ground for many many decades.

To give you an idea of how big to make the walls, have a look at the lime-

stone archway that graces the entrance to Avon Fields Golf Course in Cincinnati, pictured with this column. The arched opening is about 3 feet wide, and the walls on either side of this opening are just a little bit wider than 3 feet as well. This stone arch has been in place for almost a century with minimal maintenance, and it still looks magnificent.

Before you start your project, I urge you to look at hundreds of photographs of stone walls, arches and so forth to get an idea of what's possible.

Pay close attention to how the mason cut and fit the stones in the arch. I know you can do this. Just think of the company you'll be in!

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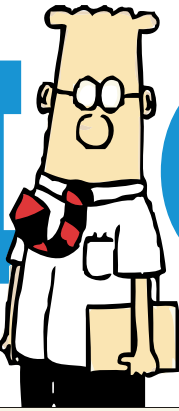
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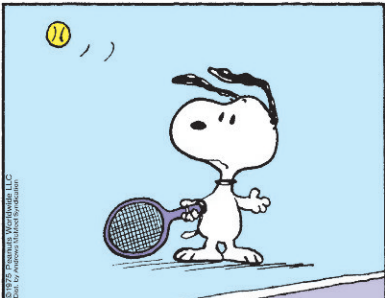


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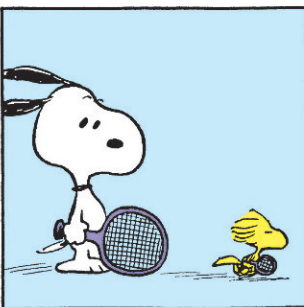
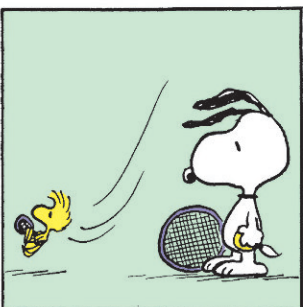
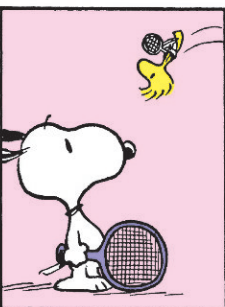

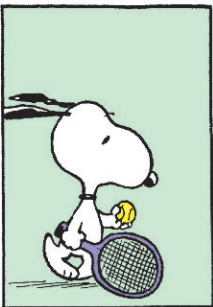
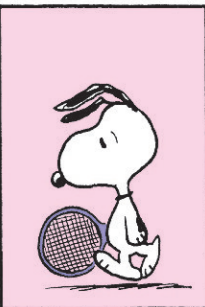
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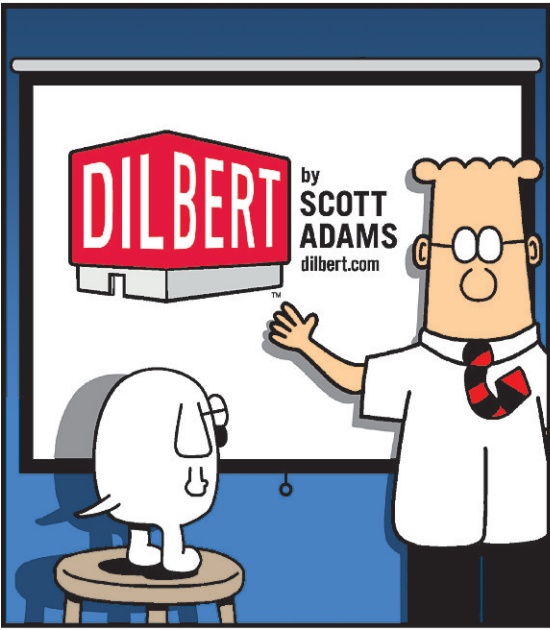
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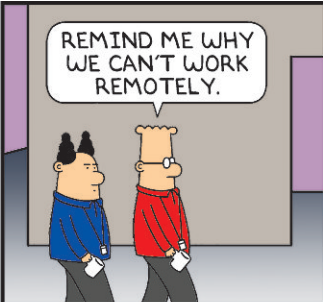
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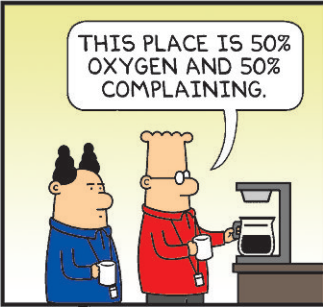


REMIND ME WHY WE CAN'T WORK REMOTELY.


WELL, THE FIRST REASON IS BECAUSE CASUAL CONTACT IN THE WORKPLACE ENHANCES EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATION.

REALLY? BECAUSE IT DOESN'T FEEL THAT WAY.


IT FEELS MORE LIKE GETTING WATERBOARDED BY A CONTINUOUS DRIP OF USELESS INTERRUPTIONS.




THIS PLACE IS 50% OXYGEN AND 50% COMPLAINING.



I GET TENSE WHEN I HEAR FOOTSTEPS APPROACHING. I BELIEVE IT TAKES YEARS OFF MY LIFE.




I MEAN, IT FEELS LIKE A HOSTAGE SITUATION, IF I'M BEING HONEST.

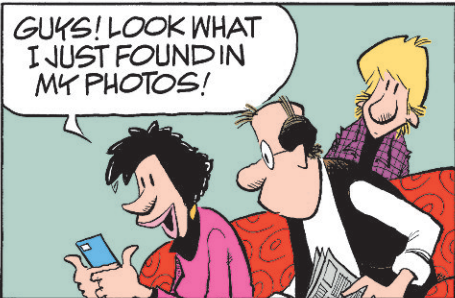


AND THE SECOND REASON IS BECAUSE IT'S GOOD FOR MORALE.

JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN

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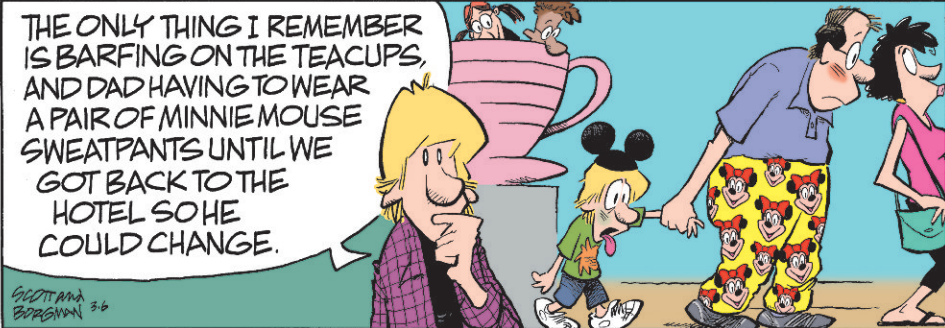


GUYS! LOOK WHAT I JUST FOUND IN MY PHOTOS!


THAT'S THE TRIP WE TOOK TO DISNEYLAND WHEN I WAS SIX.

YOU WERE SO CUTE!

I BET WE WENT ON THE JUNGLE CRUISE RIDE TEN TIMES THAT WEEKEND.



THE ONLY THING I REMEMBER IS BARFING ON THE TEACUPS, AND DAD HAVING TO WEAR A PAIR OF MINNIE MOUSE SWEATPANTS UNTIL WE GOT BACK TO THE HOTEL SO HE COULD CHANGE.



LEAVE IT TO JEREMY TO FIND THE POTHOLES IN MEMORY LANE.





YOU'RE IN MY WAY



SQUIRREL



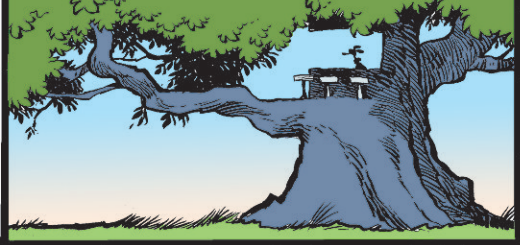
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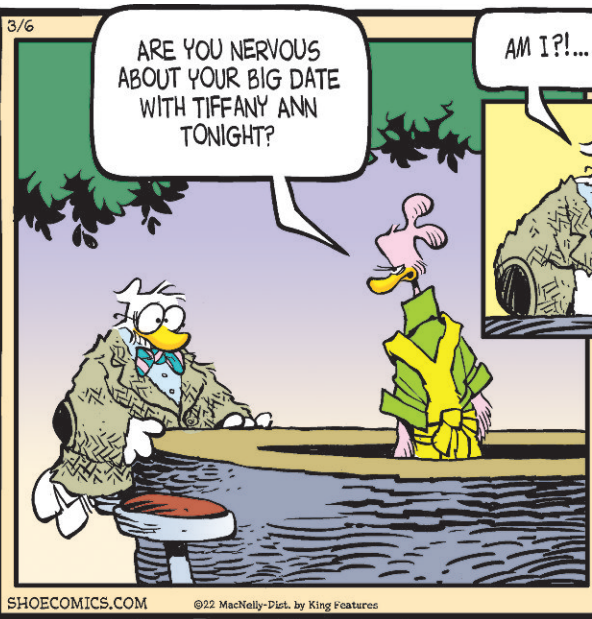


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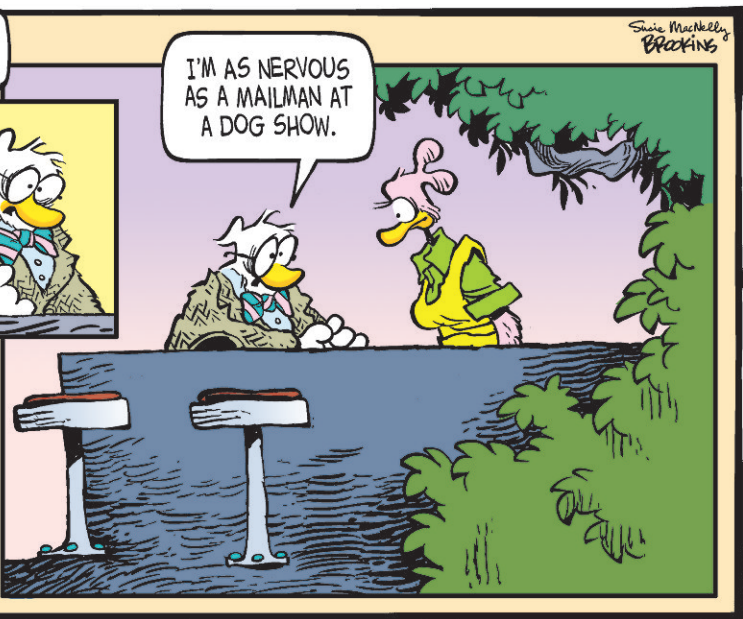
By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly





ARE YOU NERVOUS ABOUT YOUR BIG DATE WITH TIFFANY ANN TONIGHT?

AM I?!...



I'M AS NERVOUS AS A MAILMAN AT A DOG SHOW.

JUMP START

Starring JOE & MARCY

By ROBB NEWSTROM

HE AIN'T HERE, BOSS!

SHARCANE!

THAT SLIPPERY SHARK GOT AWAY!

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

By SHAWN JOHNSON

MMMMFFFFF

SMACK, SMACK SMACK

I OWE YOU ONE, RAY!

YOU OWE IT TO KENNY! HE FIGURED OUT YOUR DRONE GOT HACKED.

I CAN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO YOU, ANTONIO...

OUR SON WOULD NEVER FORGIVE ME!

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

SWITZERLAND.

ZZZZZZ

I SPENT A WEEKEND LIKE THAT... ONCE.

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

IT FEELS GOOD TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE.

WELCOME

IT'S BEEN SO COLD LATELY.

FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

FREEZING.

I WISH WE COULD AFFORD TO GO SOMEPLACE WARM FOR OUR WINTER VACATION.

AQUATIC CENTER

MOST PEOPLE CAN'T.

WOMEN LOCK ROOM

WELL, AT LEAST WE HAVE OUR LOCAL "Y."

POOL

THE PALM TREES ARE A NICE TOUCH.

DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau

YES, THE CONTRACT IS IN THE MAIL, MR. WYNN. THANKS, BYE!

WHAT CONTRACT IS THAT, HONEY?

ARMY

FRAZZ

BY JEF MALLETT

ON TIME AGAIN! YOU'RE ON A ROLL.

IT'S LIKE, WELL...

NOBODY ACTUALLY LIKES TO ITCH, RIGHT?

BUT SCRATCHING - HAVING SCRATCHED - AN ITCH FEELS GOOD ENOUGH...

SO YOU COMPARED HOMEWORK TO A PERSISTENT RASH.

SHE THINKS I'M LEARNING DIVISION. I THINK I'VE MASTERED SOMETHING LIKE TACT.

YES, THE CONTRACT IS IN THE MAIL, MR. WYNN. THANKS, BYE!

WHAT CONTRACT IS THAT, HONEY?

ARMY

MUTTS

BY PATRICK M'DONNELL

FOR A CHARTER BUS, A BUNCH OF US ARE GOING TO ATLANTA THIS FALL.

ATLANTA? WHAT FOR?

ARMY

IT'S SNOWING!

IT'S SNOWING!

IT'S SNOWING!

IT'S SNOWING!

IT'S KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

ALMOST SPRING.

TO PASS OUT WATER TO VOTERS WAITING IN LINE. IT'S AGAINST THE LAW IN GEORGIA.

REX MORGAN

BY TERRY BEATTY

AND IF WE GET HAULED OFF TO JAIL LIKE DR. KING, SO BE IT! THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE WATCHING!

I'M SO GLAD THAT'S OVER. SARAH IS VINDICATED AND WE'RE DONE WITH THAT BELLUSO GUY.

I'VE THOUGHT I WAS DONE WITH HIM BEFORE -- BUT HE KEEPS COMING BACK.

HERE'S HOPING HE WON'T TROUBLE ANY OF US AGAIN.

I'LL SECOND THAT.

I'LL THIRD IT!

I'M SO SORRY YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH THIS, SARAH.

IT KINDA STUNK, PEOPLE THINKING I WAS A THIEF AND ALL THAT.

WE'LL BE MAKING BELLUSO AN OFFER -- IF HE GOES PUBLIC AND RETRACTS HIS CLAIMS, WE'LL DROP OUR COUNTERSUIT.

SO HE'LL HAVE TO ADMIT HE'S THE LIARP.

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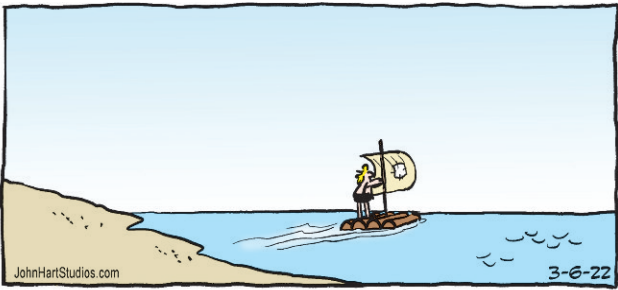
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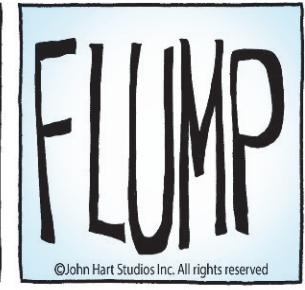
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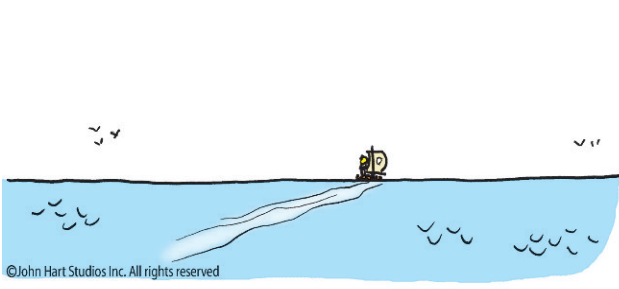
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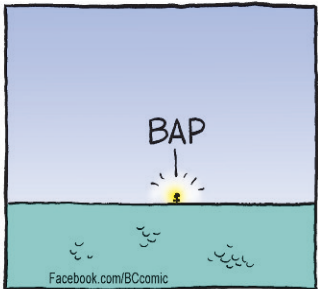
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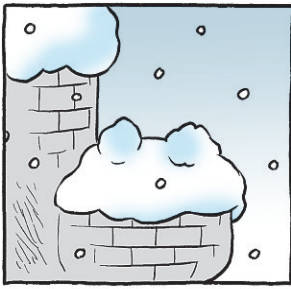
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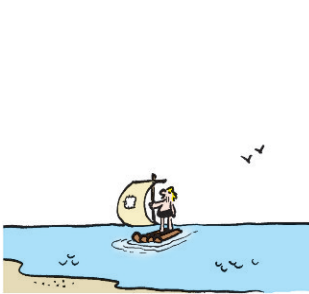
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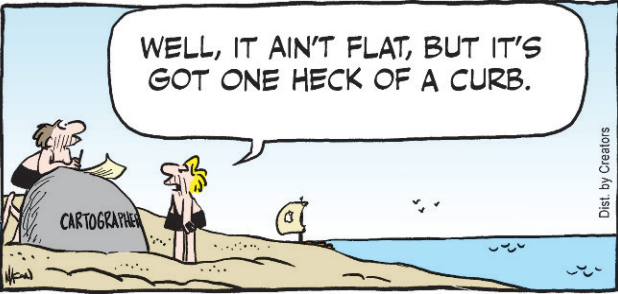
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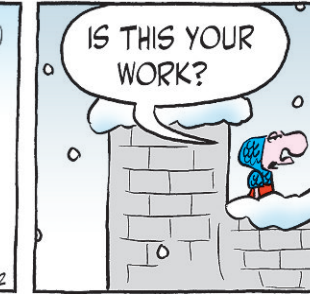
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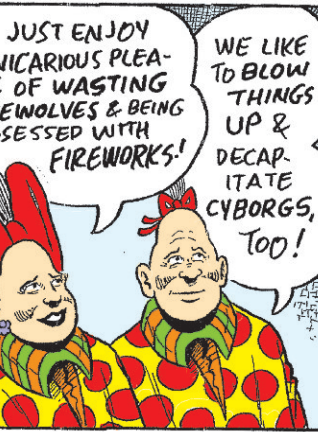
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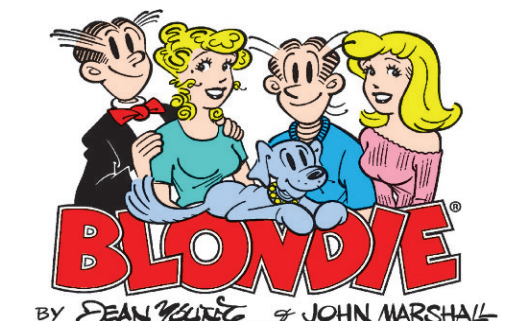
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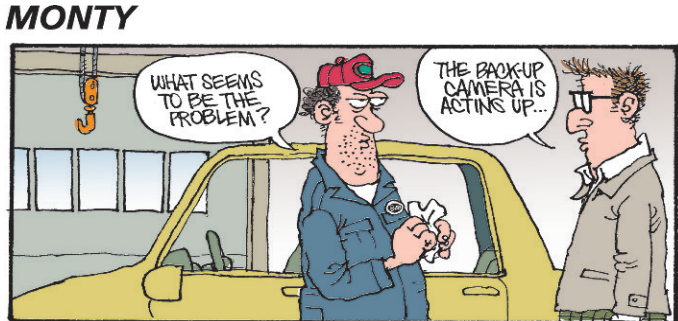
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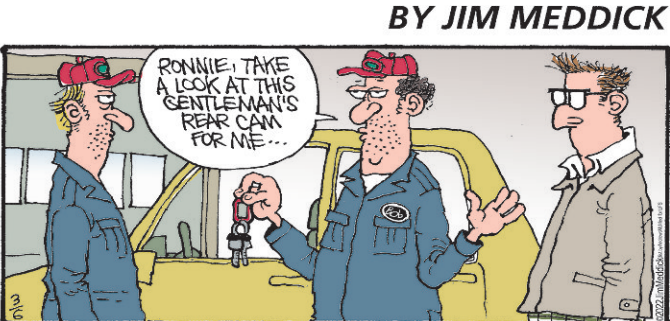
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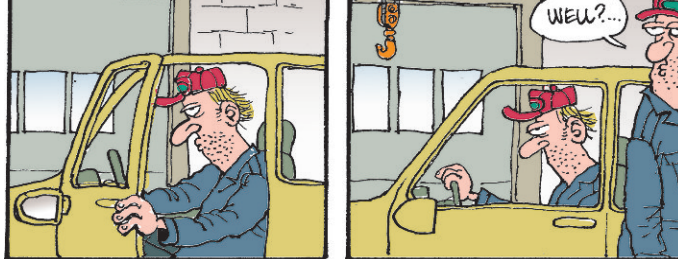
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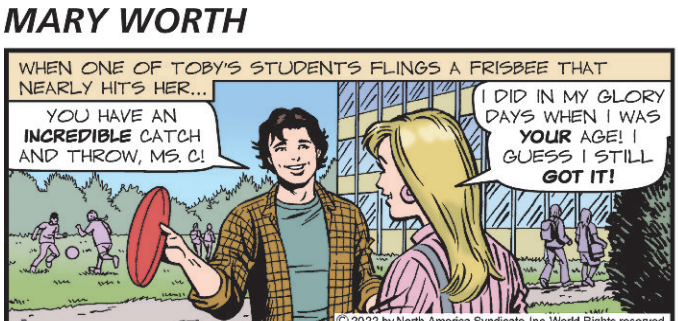
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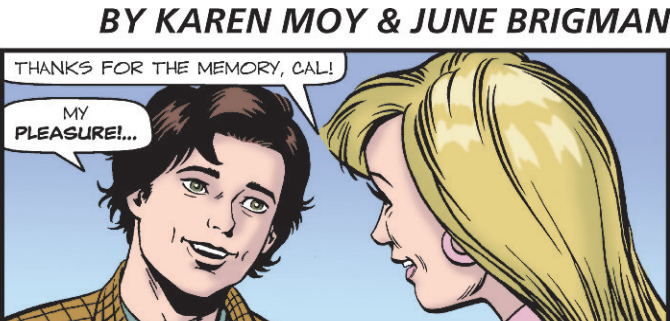
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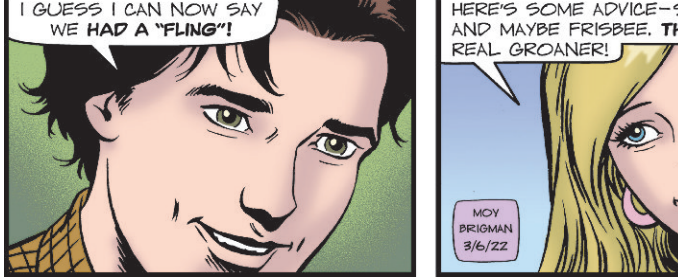
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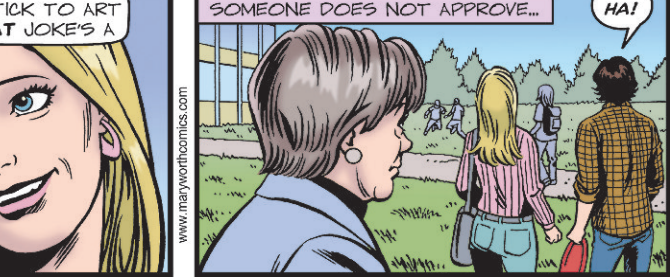
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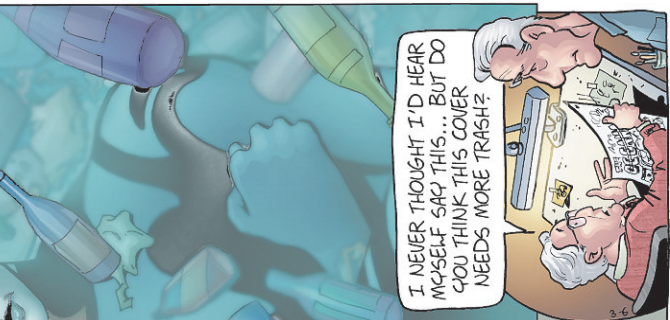
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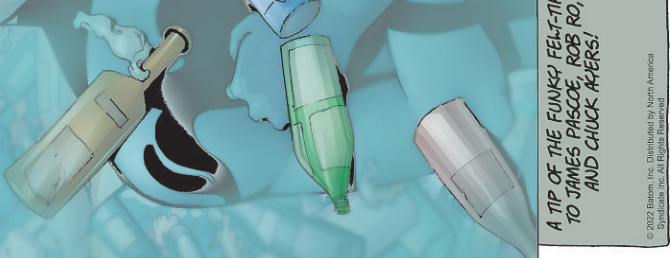
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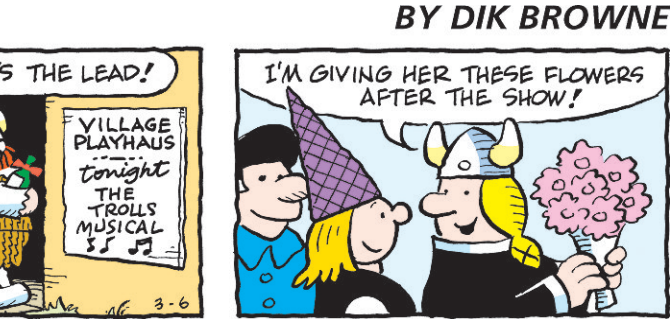
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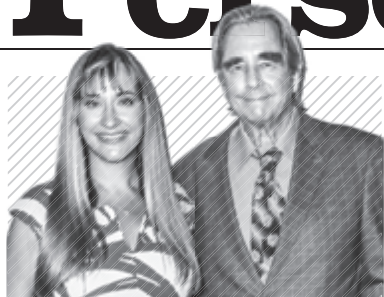
Country icon Dolly Parton
and bestselling author James
Patterson join forces on a
new thriller, *Run, Rose, Run*

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HOLLYWOOD BRIDGES

Emmy winner **Beau Bridges**, 80, comes from a renowned acting dynasty. His latest project, *Acting: The First Six Lessons* (March 8 on iTunes and other streaming platforms), is a master class in performing, directed by his daughter, **Emily**, 35, and featuring interviews with his Hollywood family, including brother Jeff Bridges and their late father, Lloyd. Here are some other Bridges family don't-miss performances and fun facts.



◀ The only time Beau and Jeff teamed up was for *The Fabulous Baker Boys* (1989).

▶ Beau's Emmys are for *The Second Civil War* (1997), *The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Murdering Mom* (1993) and *Without Warning: The James Brady Story* (1991).



◀ Jeff won an Academy Award playing a country singer in *Crazy Heart* (2009), but he's perhaps best known as "The Dude" in *The Big Lebowski* (1998).

▶ Lloyd may be most famous for his TV drama series *Sea Hunt* (1958–61), but he wrapped up his career in a comedy bow with *Airplane!* (1980), *Hot Shots!* (1991) and *Mafia!* (1998).



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

RENÉE ZELLWEGER

The *Bridget Jones's Diary* star and two-time Oscar winner (for *Cold Mountain* and *Judy*), 52, makes her network television limited-series debut in *The Thing About Pam* (March 8 on NBC). It's based on a true-crime *Dateline* podcast about the 2011 murder of a Missouri insurance worker, Betsy Faria, that resulted in the conviction of her husband. Zellweger plays Pam Hupp, the woman whose diabolical scheme sent an innocent man to jail.



Pam is not an appealing woman. What made you take on the role? She's fascinating. What an interesting and complicated story. Like millions of people who listened to the *Dateline* podcast, when I first heard it, I thought, *Wow. It speaks to so many current topical issues and socially important issues.* So I felt like, let's tell this story.

Maya Angelou said, "When someone shows you who they are, believe them." Why didn't people see Pam for who she was and believe what she was doing? There are people who live next door to us, go to church with us, that we see at the supermarket, who are so familiar to us that we just make assumptions about who we think they are. Pam fit certain social markers that made it very easy to draw conclusions about who she might be. She wasn't somebody you might suspect of anything.

What's it like being so well known for playing Bridget Jones, the unlucky-in-love Londoner, in three rom-com films? I love Bridget. She makes me laugh. There's nothing more fun than going to that set. What a gift that experience has been. I make friends everywhere I go around conversations about Bridget. It's a pretty special thing, because we all share the same embarrassments and public humiliations.

Will you write a memoir? Oh, gosh, I'm not that interesting. I'm honestly not. The most interesting things about my life other people write and make up. So I think whatever's out there on the internet or in tabloids is much more interesting than something I could put together in my living room.

What new skill will she need to learn for an upcoming role? Go to Parade.com/zellweger to find out.



DEMENTIA DRAMA

Samuel L. Jackson and bestselling author **Walter Mosley** have teamed up to produce the six-episode limited series *The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey* (March 11 on Apple TV+). The iconic actor, whose many films include *Pulp Fiction*, *Snakes on a Plane* and entries in the Marvel superhero franchise, will star in the title role as a man with dementia who receives news of a "miracle" drug that can restore his memories. "My mom had dementia," says Jackson, 73. "Her sister had it, brother had it, my grandfather had it. My father's sister has it. So I'm kind of surrounded by it. I want people to be able to look at this story and know that there's not a miracle drug, like Ptolemy takes, but there is a way to care for these people and be gentle with them in their time of need."



ALL-STAR TIME TRAVEL

Ryan Reynolds, **Mark Ruffalo** and **Jennifer Garner** take on the future by diving into the past in the sci-fi time-travel adventure *The Adam Project* (March 11 on Netflix). Reynolds plays Adam, a man who travels back in time to get help from his younger self to confront his late father (Ruffalo), set things right and—oh, yeah—save the world. "Imagine if you could go [back] and have empathy for your parents, now that you know what you know as an adult," says director Shawn Levy, 53. "Imagine being able to tell your kid self, 'Yo, buddy, you're going to be OK.' It gives me goose bumps because this is a fundamental human journey."

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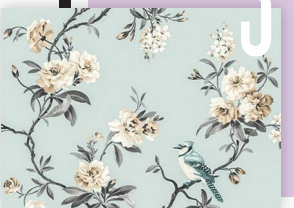
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BRIDGERTON HOME

Dearest readers, the long wait for season two of *Bridgerton* is almost over (March 25 on Netflix). Narrated by unseen gossip columnist Lady Whistledown (the wonderful Julie Andrews), the Regency-era drama charmed the world with its inclusive casting, soapy debutante gossip, high-society escapades and steamy scenes, suitors and scandals. Here's something to help fans of Queen Charlotte, the Bridgerton family and their nouveau-riche neighbors, the Featheringtons, embrace the lavish "*Bridgerton* aesthetic" while we wait.

—Megan O'Neill Melle

3 Walls That Charm Heritage damask, toile and floral wallpaper designs, like **Fine Décor Chinoiserie Blue Floral Paper**, ooze Regency charm. \$19 per roll, [homedepot.com](https://www.homedepot.com)

4 Hi, Tea! Pinterest and Etsy saw a dramatic increase in searches for antique tea sets, thanks to *Bridgerton*'s elaborate tea parties. Mix and match **Wedgwood's Butterfly Bloom Cup and Saucer** patterns. Cup and saucer for \$75, [bloomingdales.com](https://www.bloomingdales.com)

5 Period Portraits

It's not Regency London without homes full of portraits. Hit local antique shops or estate sales for quirky vintage art or choose a whimsical print, like **Emma in Blush**. \$85, [joshyoungdesignhouse.com](https://www.joshyoungdesignhouse.com)

6 Ruffle Up You may not want to go grocery shopping in the romantic pastels used to clothe the old-money Bridgertons, but why not relax in this elegant **Ruffled Chenille Robe**? \$100, [vermontcountrystore.com](https://www.vermontcountrystore.com)

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Ask Marilyn

By Marilyn vos Savant

I enjoy reading the comic sections in newspapers, as I'm sure countless others do, and I've long been puzzled by the way writers come up with new ideas every day. (I'm not referring to the strips that have a continuing story line.) How in the world do they do it?

—Tom Delia, Mount Pleasant, Mich.

This kind of creativity looks like magic or a gift, but I hear it's just plain labor-intensive. A friend who performed stand-up comedy in clubs told me his job was indescribably difficult. Great presentation came almost naturally to him, the way cartoonists draw with ease, but he said he was on the lookout for material during almost every waking hour and constantly making notes!



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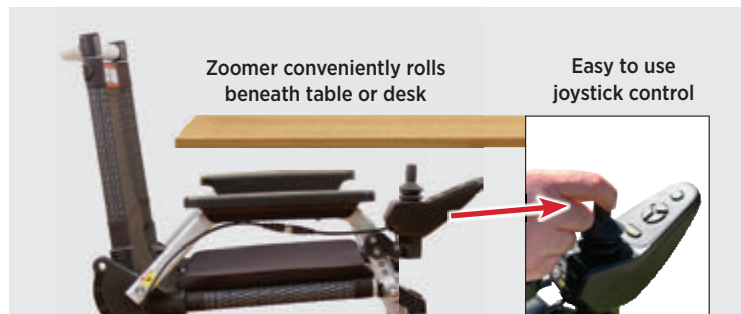
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DOLLY & JAMES

That time a country superstar and a bestselling author wrote a book together and became best buds.

By Mary Laura Philpott

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Everyone on set is grinning. Country music superstar Dolly Parton and bestselling novelist James Patterson have been gamely striking poses for nearly an hour, the diminutive Parton perched in vertiginous heels upon a wooden crate to bring her closer to Patterson's height. Horsing around with props, ranging from a long-stemmed rose to a shiny red guitar—"You hold it," Parton says, laughing. "No, that's backwards!"—they have charmed the whole crew gathered at a studio outside Nashville.

The pair recalls the first time they met, in early 2020. "We just clicked, really," Parton says. Back then, Patterson had flown to Nashville to introduce himself and float the idea of writing a book together. Now they've reunited to promote their partnership's result: a high-stakes thriller set in the glitzy world of country music. *Run, Rose, Run* will be published on March 7, just three days after Parton debuts a new album of the same name, featuring 12 songs based on the book's characters.

What's clear from their camaraderie is that something even bigger than a book with its own soundtrack has emerged from their collaboration: a genuine friendship. While they may be mismatched in height and glamour (no offense at all to Patterson, but who could possibly sparkle at comparable wattage to Dolly Parton?), these two

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"Dolly is just what you would hope she would be. And she's very, very smart."

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highly uncommon figures have found they have a great deal in common.

"We're both from small towns," Patterson says. "The odds of us getting to where we are from where we started are about 10 million to one." Patterson was born in Newburgh, N.Y.; Parton in Pittman Center, Tenn. Both were raised in households where money was scarce. "And I think we're both kind of down-to-earth," he says.

All true, as is the fact that both are mind-bogglingly prolific creators and businesspeople who, still working nonstop in their mid-70s, reign over profitable and philanthropic empires branded under their names.

The Dream Team

Patterson, 74, began "scribbling," as he says, in his 20s. By the time he turned 30, he had penned his first mystery novel and won an Edgar Award for it. He continued to write novels on the side while ascending the ranks to CEO at ad agency J. Walter Thompson, before quitting in 1996 to write full-time. Today, sales of his books total a staggering 425 million worldwide, a number that rises rapidly as Patterson and his team of co-writers publish dozens of new books each year. In addition to stand-alone thrillers and series featuring popular characters such as Alex Cross—plus high-profile collaborations, including *The President Is Missing* with Bill Clinton—he produces books for children and teens. Beloved in the literary world, he has been honored with both the National Humanities Medal and the National Book Foundation's Literarian Award for Outstanding Service to the American Literary Commu-



(1) Patterson was 29 when he wrote his first novel, *The Thomas Berryman Number*, which was set in Nashville. (2) At 9, Parton was already using her East Tennessee roots as song fodder. (3) She celebrated 50 years of performing at the Grand Ole Opry in 2019. (4) Patterson received the National Humanities Medal in 1997.

nity. For several years, he has been recognized by Guinness World Records as the author with the most *New York Times* bestsellers.

Speaking of records: Parton, 76, may have risen to the level of cultural icon, but she began as a teenage singer-songwriter in the 1960s, stubbornly working her way through the male-dominated music industry to turn a guitar, notepad and raw emotion into hit songs. Nearly six decades later, she has sold more

than 100 million albums worldwide, surpassed 3 billion streams globally and shows no signs of slowing down. Case in point: In the past year and a half—the same time period during which she was working on *Run, Rose, Run* with Patterson—she released a holiday album, *A Holly Dolly Christmas*, which debuted at No. 1 on the *Billboard* country chart; published a *New York Times* bestselling collection of song lyrics and stories, *Songteller*; launched a perfume; and continued her Emmy-winning production deal with Netflix. She has racked up 10 Grammys, plus the Lifetime Achievement Award; nine Country Music Association Awards; nine Academy of Country Music Awards; and three American Music Awards—more than earning her place in the Country Music Hall of Fame.

What's left to reach for at this level of success? "Now it's time to have fun," Patterson says. Together, they dreamed up the story of AnnieLee Keyes, a young singer trying to make it in Nashville while on the run from a mysterious past, and Ruthanna Ryder, a Parton-like legend who takes the budding star under her wing. In imagining AnnieLee's journey, Patterson plumbed Parton's memories of moving to Nashville straight out of high school at 18 and imbued the character with her creators' own ambition and work ethic. "My grandmother used to have a saying: 'Hungry dogs run faster,'" Patterson says. "Dolly and I are both driven."

At mention of the word, Parton begins reciting the lyrics to "Driven," a song she wrote for the new album:

*I've got drive
I try to do more than survive
Reachin' out to take what life has given
One thing you can say for me is
I'm driven*

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"Jim has such a great depth and intelligence that I just feel honored to be in his presence."

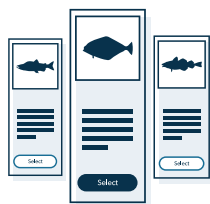


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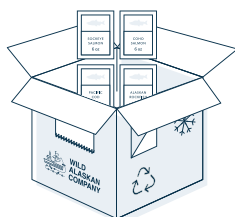
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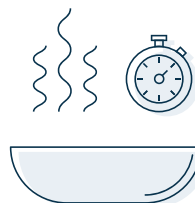
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Parton came up with the album as a way to add an additional layer to the story, and also because she simply couldn't help herself. She processes what she's thinking and feeling by writing song lyrics. As she and Patterson honed the story, the songs Annie-Lee sang on fictional stages became real in Parton's mind.

Keeping It Real

When they first started working together, Patterson flew in from Palm Beach County, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Susan (with whom he raised their son, Jack, 24), to brainstorm in Nashville, where Parton lives with her husband, Carl Dean. After the pandemic made gathering in person too risky, they bridged the distance by phone. "We're old-timers," Parton says. "I still fax! I said, 'You've got to get a fax machine, because I'm going to be faxing you.'"

They reviewed drafts and sent each other notes, Parton paying special attention to the scenes set in the offices and performance spaces of the music industry. "I knew Jim could write the book himself and put my name on it, but I said, 'I'm not that kind of person. I have to do my part.' So I would critique things or say, 'I don't think they'd do it like that in the business.'"

Patterson says Parton's keen eye ensured the story's authenticity. Well, relatively speaking. This is a James Patterson novel, after all. "Anything that happens in the book, even if it's a little over the top—and who's to say in this day and age that anything's over the top?—it could happen like this," he says.

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Married 56 years, Parton met Carl Dean in Nashville outside the Wishy Washy Laundromat in 1964.

The Cost of Fame

For all its larger-than-life plot twists, whizzing bullets and high-speed chases, *Run, Rose, Run* also poses a serious question facing any aspiring artist: What is the cost of fame? Of course, Parton and Patterson experience celebrity a bit differently. He's widely recognized by his name, not necessarily his face; her image—and famous figure—went global through decades of film and TV appearances, her music and the branding of her businesses. But they agree that fame isn't something everyone can handle.

For Patterson, rolling with mega-success means keeping a healthy perspective. "I still look at the world the way I did as a kid in a small town. I just get a kick out of stuff."

"I'm a workhorse who looks like a show horse," Parton adds, chuckling. "I always wanted to sing. I always wanted to travel. I always wanted to get rich so I could have things for my family as well as myself. But celebrity is 24/7. You give up a lot. Many people in my own family have more talent than I do, but they

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were too shy to get out and do it. I'm from a family of 12, and I kind of got lost in the shuffle. But when I started writing my songs, everybody started paying a lot of special attention to me. Some want celebrity, some don't. I did."

The Joy of Giving

One of AnnieLee's most relatable qualities is her tendency to vacillate between hope and despair as she chases her dream. Asked to consider what in the real world inspires their own optimism or anxiety, Patterson leans forward in his chair and says, "My answer to both is maybe unusual. It's the pandemic."

Parton, who donated \$1 million to Vanderbilt University Medical Center for COVID-19 research in 2020, nods as he continues. "What's hopeful and amazing to me is that in less than a year, everybody got together and created the vaccine. What's depressing is that having seen what happens when we get together to do something, we can't get that into our heads and make it the way we operate. Why can't we do that?"

"The Bible says, 'A house divided cannot stand,'" Parton says. "Neither can a country divided, nor a world divided. And that's really where we're at now."

Adds Patterson, "If we get together and look at the problem, we can solve it, whatever it is. We have to learn that lesson."

Each of them has set that example in their charitable work. Patterson has donated millions to students and universities, school libraries and inde-

pendent booksellers, all with the goal of encouraging reading. "It's a matter of people's lives. If we get books into kids' hands, they stand a better chance at reading at grade level, and then doing better in high school or college or getting better jobs," he says.

In addition to her support of scientific research, Parton oversees the Dollywood Foundation, which includes the Imagination Library, an organization that gives millions of

free books to children around the world each month. And her Dollywood Parks & Resorts has offered to pay all tuition costs, including fees and books, for employees pursuing higher education. "If you've got the money, and you've got the heart, and you're not too selfish, you can do a lot of good," she says.

Best Friends Forever?

Parton draws parallels between herself today and Ruthanna, the matriarchal mentor and retired superstar in the book. Like Ruthanna, Parton has a music studio in her home, keeps longtime band members on payroll and takes an interest in up-and-coming talent. But unlike her fictional counterpart, Parton hasn't stepped out of the spotlight. "I wouldn't know what to do. What does retirement even mean? I'm working all the time in my mind. I'm a creator."

Patterson says he has no plans to retire either. "Unless the doctor tells me to," he quips.

Do they mean to give the impression they might continue collaborating? Oh, yes, Parton confirms. "We're going to work together for a long time."



Patterson and his wife, Susan, with their son, Jack. Father and son wrote a children's book together in 2017.



Brined, lightly breaded and served with a simple dipping sauce, this fish is a delicious weeknight meal. It's a recipe from the new cookbook **Make This Tonight** by the editors of Tastemade, an online food, travel and design platform. If you can't find red snapper, other fish options—cod, catfish, rockfish or grouper—will work just as well.

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Preheat oven to 200°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a shallow bowl, combine 1/3 cup **potato starch** (or cornstarch), 1 tsp **ground coriander**, 1 tsp **ground cumin** and 1 tsp **kosher salt**. In a separate shallow bowl, beat 1 **large egg**.

In a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high, heat 2 Tbsp **canola or grapeseed oil**. Working in batches, dredge fish in potato starch mixture, pressing to adhere, and then dip into egg, allowing excess to drip off. Add fish to skillet; cook 3–4 minutes per side or until golden brown. Transfer fish to prepared baking sheet; keep warm in oven. Repeat with remaining fish, adding another 1 Tbsp oil to pan, if needed.

For dipping sauce: In a small bowl, whisk 2 Tbsp **soy sauce**; 1 Tbsp **rice vinegar**; 1 (1/2-inch) piece **ginger**, peeled and thinly sliced; and 1 **green onion**, thinly sliced.

Divide fish between 2 plates. Garnish with **sesame seeds**. Serve with dipping sauce. **Serves 2.**

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Fish Oil Failure Shines a Grim Light on America's Memory Crisis

America's top memory M.D. reveals the startling reason why "senior moments" may be caused by fish oil — and the #1 way to fix it fast

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But in order for it to work, you must avoid using run-of-the-mill fish oil supplements. "The worst thing you can do for your memory," explains Dr. Sears, "is to supplement with fish oil."

Dr. Al Sears, a highly-acclaimed MD — who has published more than 500 studies — says today's low-grade supermarket fish oil is causing the surge in America's memory crisis. "These cheap oils are no longer as nutrient-dense as they once were," he explains.

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The same was found in human studies, too. After analyzing more than 1,500 seniors, the Framingham study found that those whose brains were deficient in DHA, had significantly smaller brains — a characteristic of accelerated aging and a weakened memory.

"Unfortunately, it's almost impossible to boost levels of DHA simply by eating more fish or fish oil," explains Dr. Sears. "DHA in fish oil has plummeted over the years. And it's being replaced by another compound. One that can cause memory failure and brain fog."

The ingredient Dr. Sears is referring to is called ALA — a compound found in cheap, grocery store fish oil. Studies have shown that even moderate levels of ALA can eat away at your memory and make you forgetful.

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Fish farming has caused DHA levels to plummet and ALA levels to rise, according to Dr. Sears.

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"It became too expensive for farmers to feed fish what they'd eat in the wild," explains Dr. Sears. "And since more than 80% of fish oil comes from farms, it's no wonder the country is experiencing a memory crisis. Most people's brains are shrinking and they don't even know it."

"Since fish farmers are depriving these animals of their natural diet, ALA levels in fish oil are going up, while DHA levels are being cut in half.

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